

Leiden University Master's Programmes

Study in Leiden or The Hague 2021-2022



**Universiteit
Leiden**
The Netherlands

Discover the world at Leiden University

“You can definitely feel that Leiden University is the oldest one in Holland. You can feel the history in a lot of the academic buildings, and the city of Leiden and its university are very much intertwined.”

Edouard Bonneville - Statistical Science



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Welcome from the Rector Magnificus of Leiden University

Dear prospective student,

Thank you for showing an interest in studying at Leiden University. There are some 30,000 students at Leiden University, but you'll always be more than just a number; your lecturers will know you by name. We'll do our best to give you the best-possible support and if you can and want to do more, we'll challenge you at every step of the way. This is why we offer the Leiden Leadership Programme as well as Research, Advanced and Dual-degree Master's options.

At Leiden University theory and practice go hand-in-hand. Learning is not only about remembering facts and consolidating information; it's also about applying what you learn. In addition to the knowledge they'll give you, our programmes will develop your intercultural and academic skills, teach you how to carry out a scientific study independently and then present your research findings, verbally and in writing. At Leiden University it's all about participation, interaction, collaboration and learning by doing.

An important fact not to be underestimated is that Leiden is a real student city. If you didn't know better, you might think that the historic and lively city of Leiden was made for students. Its atmospheric and compact centre has everything that students could wish for: from university buildings to student pubs, and from student accommodation to student associations. Studying and living in The Hague broadens your perspective on the world and quickly gives you an international network. Studying in a city full of embassies, multinationals and international courts certainly has its advantages!

After all these years, I still look back with a lot of pleasure at my own student life at Leiden University. I wish you a lot of inspiration when finding the study that suits you and hope you have the same great experience of studying at Leiden University as I did!

Prof. Carel Stolker
Rector Magnificus Leiden University



Discover the world at Leiden University

When you choose Leiden University, you are choosing to broaden your personal and academic horizons. You will find a truly international atmosphere here, with an inspiring community of students, lecturers and professors who come from almost all corners of the world.

Excellent reputation

Our university has built a solid position of authority over four and a half centuries, and is today highly regarded, both in the academic and the professional world. Our academic staff include many top scholars with an international reputation of excellence. They provide outstanding research and teaching that make the world a safer, healthier, more sustainable, prosperous and just place – at local, regional and global levels.

We challenge

We want our graduates to become academic professionals and engaged global citizens who contribute to solutions for the challenges facing our society. This calls for teaching that is strongly research driven, focused on active learning, stimulates the development of academic and professional skills, and offers flexibility for individual learning paths. As a student, you will have the chance to closely interact with Leiden's scholars and thinkers, conducting your own research and exploring topics that are timely and relevant.

We care

Leiden University's size allows for a both personal and engaged experience for our students. Not only will you have access to our excellent facilities, including libraries with internationally-acclaimed collections and state-of-the-art laboratories, you will also get to know your lecturers, programme coordinators and fellow classmates through discussion, debate and teamwork. We will provide an environment in which you can excel and we will encourage you to give your best!

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Founded in 1575, Leiden University is the oldest university in the Netherlands



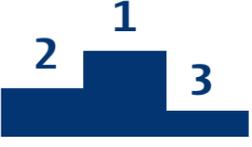
Committed to freedom

Freedom of spirit, thought and expression




A leading academic centre

For teaching and cutting-edge research



A top-ranked university

Leiden University is consistently highly ranked world-wide



Collaboration and networks

Strategic connections with renowned knowledge institutes, museums and academic world players




16 Nobel Prizes

Laureates include Albert Einstein



80 Master's programmes

Plus nearly 200 specialisations



7 Faculties

Archaeology, Governance and Global Affairs, Humanities, Law, Medicine/Leiden University Medical Center, Science, Social and Behavioural Science



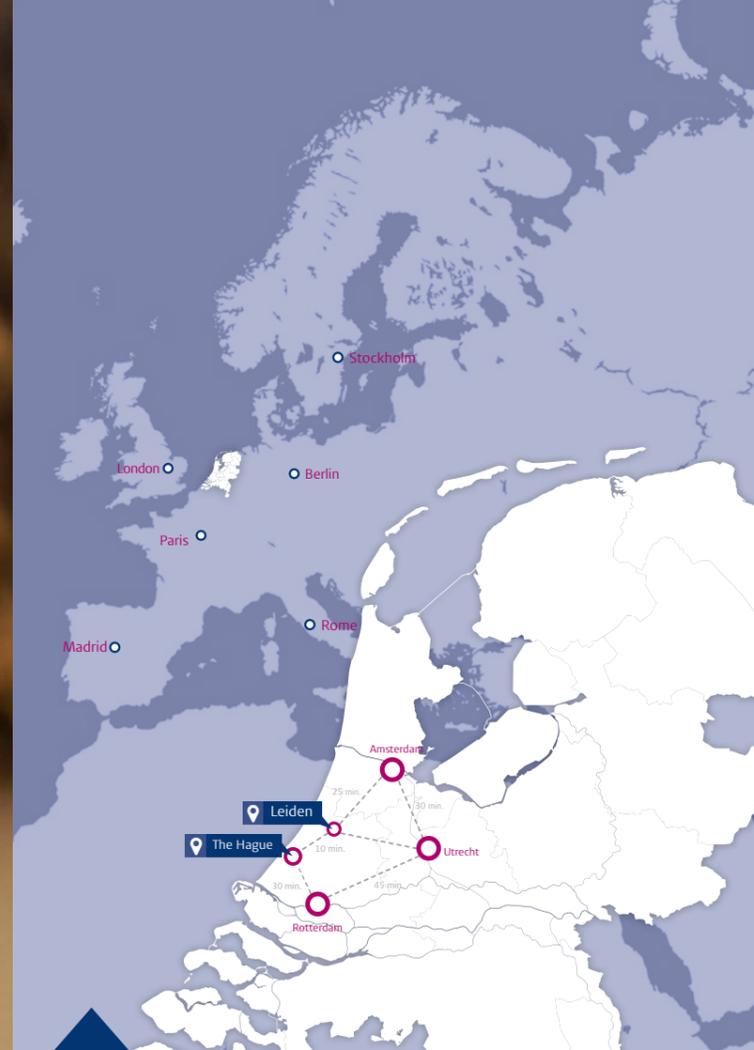

30,000+ students across 2 locations

Did you know?

Leiden University stands for freedom; our motto is Praesidium Libertatis: Bastion of Freedom. In an increasingly complex world, your opinion matters. This is why we offer you freedom to think, freedom in collecting knowledge and freedom in forming your opinion.

A tale of two cities

Leiden University is located in two amazing locations. Medieval and quaint, Leiden is the founding city and heart of the university. A short 10-minute train journey away is our second home: The Hague. Our teaching and research in the international city of peace, justice and security reflect the themes that are important to this centre of government and international diplomacy.



Come to the Netherlands: the gateway to Europe

Inspiring and relaxed – these are qualities that perfectly describe the Netherlands. At the same time, there is much more to say about the country. The Netherlands is one of the safest countries in the world (Global Peace Index 2019), we are 2nd on the list of happiest countries in the world (OECD Better Life Index), and the Dutch have the best English proficiency in Europe (English Proficiency Index), making the Netherlands a perfect study destination!

Typical Dutch

Visionary architecture, cutting edge design, street markets selling rainbows of fresh flowers, *haring* (raw herring), *stroopwafels* (caramel-syrup-filled waffles), cheese, and *borrel* ('drinks') at canal-side cafés are just some of the reasons to love the Netherlands. Living in Holland means you can enjoy the culture of historical cities like Leiden, Amsterdam and Delft, while also experiencing bustling, modern and international cities like Rotterdam

and The Hague. Did you know that Holland has the largest museum density in the world? For instance, visit the Rijksmuseum, or the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam or the Mauritshuis in The Hague. The humble bicycle is one of the favourite means of transportation in the country. A bike will most likely be among your first purchases in the Netherlands, and there are over 15,000 kilometers of bicycle paths for you to discover once you get going!

Studying in Holland

The Dutch education system is interactive, student-centred and focused on teamwork, which makes it easy to meet other students. Studying in Holland means developing an open mind and increasing your international orientation. The teaching method at Dutch higher education institutions is founded on respect for each individual's opinions and convictions. This respect is a national virtue that characterises Holland's diverse and pluralistic society. The method aims to provide students with both the attention and freedom they need to develop their own opinions and creativity in applying new knowledge.

High quality education at low cost

The quality of Dutch institutions is well recognised. In addition, the tuition fees and cost of living are considerably lower than in other English-speaking countries. The Netherlands is an affordable destination.

International atmosphere

The Netherlands is the gateway to Europe. Paris, Berlin, London and Brussels are all within a few hours of Leiden University and add an additional international aspect to your educational experience. Did someone say road trip?

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The Dutch experience

- ▶ Population: 17 million
- ▶ 100,000+ international students
- ▶ The Netherlands is home to over 200 nationalities
- ▶ Headquarters of Heineken, Shell, Philips, Unilever, as well as many high-tech, legal, financial and international organisations
- ▶ The cradle of 'Dutch Design', featuring consumer articles, fashion, architecture, and new media
- ▶ The birthplace of painters Rembrandt, Vermeer and Vincent van Gogh as well as modern photographers Anton Corbijn and Erwin Olaf
- ▶ A cultural hub, with nearly 1,000 top-class museums such as the Rijksmuseum and European museum of the year (2019) Boerhaave Museum (Leiden) and a wealth of festivals and concerts by world-famous musicians like (Leiden alumnus) Armin van Buuren and Martin Garrix
- ▶ A lively academic and professional landscape including many symposia and debates
- ▶ Home to star soccer players Ruud Gullit, Johan Cruyff, actresses Carice van Houten (*Game of Thrones*) and Famke Janssen (*X-Men*) as well as the creators of *The Voice*, *Big Brother*, *Survivor* and other popular TV shows
- ▶ Windmills, canals, cheese markets, beautiful North Sea beaches and of course, endless fields of gorgeous tulips from March until May!

“The academic experience offered here at Leiden University is world-class, being taught by the best in the field and by world-renowned lecturers.”

Joan Golding, UK, LLM Public International Law





What you need to know about... Leiden

<p>125.174 residents</p>	<p>1,243 national monuments</p>	
	<p>28 km of canals</p>	
	<p>14 museums</p>	
<p>154 restaurants</p>	<p>650 shops</p>	
<p>74 pubs</p>		

Scan QR-code for 360° tour of Leiden

One university, two cities: Leiden

Leiden's history

Situated at what has traditionally been an important junction where waterways and roads intersect, stands a city that will enchant you: Leiden. The city is famous not only for its university, but for its almshouses, museums and glorious history. The spirit of the Golden Age lives on here, in a place where Rembrandt was born and inspired so many other influential painters. But even after this era Leiden continued to attract scientists, artists and industry. The canals, the historical buildings, the charming narrow lanes, the treasuries of knowledge, culture and science: Leiden has them all for you to explore.

A student city with character

Leiden University has contributed to the city's unique atmosphere for almost 450 years. This historical city became home to the first Dutch university in 1575, and many of the university buildings are still located in the picturesque city centre. The medieval centre of Leiden is

full of students, student accommodation and university buildings. Enjoy the myriad of lovely restaurants and cafés, the venues for theatre, music and film, or the first-class museums. If you want some time off after your academic efforts, you could also take a boat trip on the canals, or spend some time in one of the city's parks. And don't forget the many trendy festivals and other cultural events that are organised in Leiden from January through December, such as the Relief of Leiden on 3 October. It's the biggest event of the year!

Small-scale and central

Leiden is a winning combination of small and fun, yet big in character as a student city. Thanks to its compact layout it's never more than a short bike ride from your accommodation to your faculty, and you're more or less guaranteed to meet someone you know along the way. What's more, it's also centrally located between the Netherlands' main cities. With a little effort, you can cycle

to the beach in 30 minutes, while Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Utrecht can all be reached within 45 minutes by train. Our second location in The Hague is only a 10-minute train ride away as well!

Innovative city

Leiden is home to the Leiden Bio Science Park, which is the location of international organisations and corporations that are often spin-offs of Leiden University research. The European Space Agency is located not far from Leiden as well.

Local and international institutions with connections to Leiden University:

- ▷ Leiden University Medical Centre
- ▷ Leiden Bio Science Park, the leading cluster for life science businesses in the Netherlands
- ▷ International Institute for Asian Studies
- ▷ The Netherlands Institute for the Near East
- ▷ The Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies
- ▷ National Museum of Ethnology
- ▷ National Museum of Antiquities
- ▷ Naturalis Biodiversity Centre

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MUST SEES IN LEIDEN:

<p>Museum Volkenkunde</p>	<p>Hortus Botanicus</p>	<p>Rijksmuseum Boerhaave</p>
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What you need to know about... The Hague

<p>527,748 residents</p>	<p>160 international organisations</p>	
	<p>70 beach pavilions</p>	
	<p>365 pubs</p>	
	<p>20 museums</p>	
<p>2,750 shops</p>		



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One university, two cities: The Hague

The Hague
Students who come to The Hague to study want to make a difference. This is the place where you can realise your ambitions – for your own future and for a better world. The Hague proudly claims the title of ‘the international city of peace, justice and security’. It is the seat of government, home of the Dutch monarchy, NATO, the International Criminal Court, embassies and consulates from around the world, plus hundreds of organisations, multinational companies, knowledge centres and think tanks.

International environment
The Hague unites countries from all across the globe and is deeply involved in building a safe and just world, with the impressive, world-famous Peace Palace at the centre of it all. It is the perfect environment to encourage dialogue and debate. You can immediately apply what you learn as a student in the international environment that The Hague offers. Attend guest lectures by highly respected experts or

intern at one of the many institutions that help to shape our world – all right in your own backyard!

A coffee with the prime minister
The Hague is home to both the government of the Netherlands and the King, so don't be surprised if you find our prime minister sitting next to you while you're having a cappuccino. If you pass by Noordeinde Palace, you can see for yourself if the King is working. Just don't expect him there on the biggest celebration of the year, King's Day. Prepare to dress in orange and celebrate with the Dutch on this day, the king's birthday!

A city full of art and culture
With the most historic sites per square metre in the Netherlands, The Hague oozes culture and history. Gazing straight into the eyes of Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring at the Mauritshuis museum is just a beautiful, five-minute-walk away from losing all sense of

perspective at Escher in Het Paleis. Go on from there to discover Madurodam, where you'll find the whole of the Netherlands at your feet.

City by the sea
Are you more of a city person? Or more inclined to seek out nature? Why choose between city and beach, when The Hague offers both? You can even smell the sea from the heart of the historic city centre. The Hague has eleven kilometres of sandy beach within cycling distance of the historic city centre. Take in a breath of fresh air, jump on a surfboard or find a spot to relax at one of the seventy beach pavilions along the boulevard. This is the perfect place to take a breather with your new-found friends from around the world.

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MUST SEES IN THE HAGUE:

<p>Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring</p>	<p>The Mondriaan collection</p>	<p>The Peace Palace</p>
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Our focus on research

Our scientific research makes an important contribution to a safe, healthy, sustainable, prosperous and just world. Our research infrastructure, facilities and collections are world class. The university has 29 research institutes with 5 profile research areas, each of which collaborates across the borders of disciplines and nations. Our researchers are guided by the highest ambitions of quality and integrity, and integrate their teaching with research. Join them in pushing the boundaries of your discipline and making an impact on the world.

Combining different disciplines, Leiden University researchers work together to formulate innovative solutions to societal problems. We distinguish five broad clusters of science areas and one overarching research theme (Artificial Intelligence):

- ▷ Fundamentals of Science
- ▷ Health and wellbeing
- ▷ Languages, cultures and societies
- ▷ Law, politics and administration
- ▷ Life sciences
- ▷ Artificial Intelligence

Did you know?

- ▷ ... that the Majorana particle that is a promising building block for the quantum computer was discovered in Leiden?
- ▷ ... that Leiden Professor Caspar Reuvers was the very first professor of Archaeology in history?

- ▷ ... that Leiden researchers are constantly engaged in finding answers to the question of how we can safeguard peace and justice in our complex and globalising society?

Facts & figures Research of 2019

 **443**
PHD DEFENCES

 **6,438**
ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

 **40**
DUTCH NWO GRANTS

 **11**
ERC GRANTS

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A top-ranked university

Ever since the university's foundation in 1575, we have applied our efforts to developing, disseminating and applying scientific knowledge. Leiden University emphasises the need to continually strengthen our fundamental research and to focus on innovation, valorisation and academic entrepreneurship.

As a result of these research efforts, in addition to the quality of our teaching, Leiden University has earned its reputation as a leading university in Europe and worldwide. For many years, we've been among the leaders in Dutch university rankings and we currently feature among the top 100 universities worldwide in prominent international rankings. This will give you peace of mind that your degree is recognised around the world and can open the door to the international career you may aspire.

Overall ranking Leiden University

 **14th** Most innovative university in Europe according to Reuters (first in the NL)

 **67th** The Times Higher Education World University Ranking (THE)

 **82nd** Shanghai Ranking (ARWU)

 **128th** QS World University Rankings

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“The Hague is perfect. It’s small yet overwhelming in terms of the relevant organisations that are here, and also because of all the things you can do. I love running through the Malieveld or going to the Plein to have a drink or go to a club. The Hague feels very homey, I really feel I’m a part of it. On a sunny day, I go to the beach with friends.”

Vedant Mehra - International Relations and Diplomacy



De Pier with Ferris wheel at Scheveningen Beach





Student life and support

Leiden University has a package of services available to meet your academic or personal needs. It all starts with a warm welcome at Schiphol Airport and introduction weeks in both Leiden and The Hague.

A warm welcome

Coming to a new country to live and study is certainly exciting, but it can be daunting as well. You can best start off by registering for our Warm Welcome Service! Newly arriving international students will be met at the airport and provided with travel information and assistance with post-arrival formalities. When booking your flight, it makes sense to try to plan your arrival for one of these dates.

When you're new in Leiden or The Hague it is a good idea to register for one of the international introduction weeks at the start of the academic year. Feel at home in your new city before starting your classes:

- ▶ OWL (Orientation Week Leiden): Experience everything the city has to offer, participate in fun activities and meet lots of new people. You will get to learn more about university life and organise some practical things such as getting a bike!
- ▶ HOP Week (The Hague Orientation Programme): Feel the pulse of the bustling city of The Hague! Get started with lots of fun, information on the city and the university life, as well getting to know your fellow students.

- 🌐 orientationweek.org
- 🌐 hopweek.org

How to feel at home quickly

- ▶ Join the International Student Network (ISN) Leiden or Erasmus Student Network (ESN) The Hague which organises trips, clubs, cultural events, social events and dinners, but which also helps with academic and practical questions.
- ▶ Become a member of one of the other international student clubs in Leiden or The Hague, such as Leiden United, the Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe (AEGEE), or the United Nations Students Association (SIB-Leiden).
- ▶ Join one of the many special-interest associations or clubs.
- ▶ Become a member of the Leiden University Sports Centre, and use our facilities at the USC in Leiden or the Buzz at the Beehive Student Center in The Hague.

- 🌐 isnleiden.com
- 🌐 uscleiden.com
- 🌐 studyinthehague.com/fun/sport

Student counsellors

We have a number of specialised student counsellors available. You can consult the relevant counselor on a variety of matters, ranging from psychological support, non-academic issues, insurance, financial and legal matters, to dealing with external housing agents or finding a family doctor. They can also assist you in developing study-related skills. The skills package that is offered consists of individual counselling or workshops designed to support you in your academic performance. Topics covered include thesis writing, time management, stress management and planning. In addition, our counsellors are also available to help resolve study and personal problems, should you need this.

Departmental study advisers and coordinators

Each department has its own study advisers/coordinators who can answer questions about matters that are related to the study programme of your choice. You can consult the study adviser/coordinator on issues such as timetables, exam grades, choice of subjects and application for graduation. You can find your study adviser/coordinator on the website of your study programme.

Fenestra Disability Centre

Leiden University supports students with a functional disability or a learning disorder so they are able to follow their chosen study programme. The Fenestra Disability Centre can assist these students with practical support and relevant information.

Diversity and inclusion

The University is an open community where everyone who wants to contribute to its ambitions and to all that it stands for will feel at home and have equal opportunities. Student clubs and organisations, along with university departments and offices are dedicated to diversity and inclusion. The Diversity Office, InCLUision, Leiden Pride, LGBT+ Network, LUDEN, Access and Support Network, and Philautia are just some of the groups engaged in making Leiden University a better place for all staff, students and faculty.

Student Centres

The Student Centres are home to many services that you may need to utilise during your study at Leiden University. For example, if you have any questions about enrollment, tuition fees, scholarships, exchange programmes, study delays or other study-related issues, the Student Affairs Front Office can help. You can call or walk in during office hours to get assistance.

Leiden

Plexus Student Centre
Kaiserstraat 25
Monday to Friday: 09:00 - 23:00
Saturday, Sunday: 11:00 - 17:00

The Hague

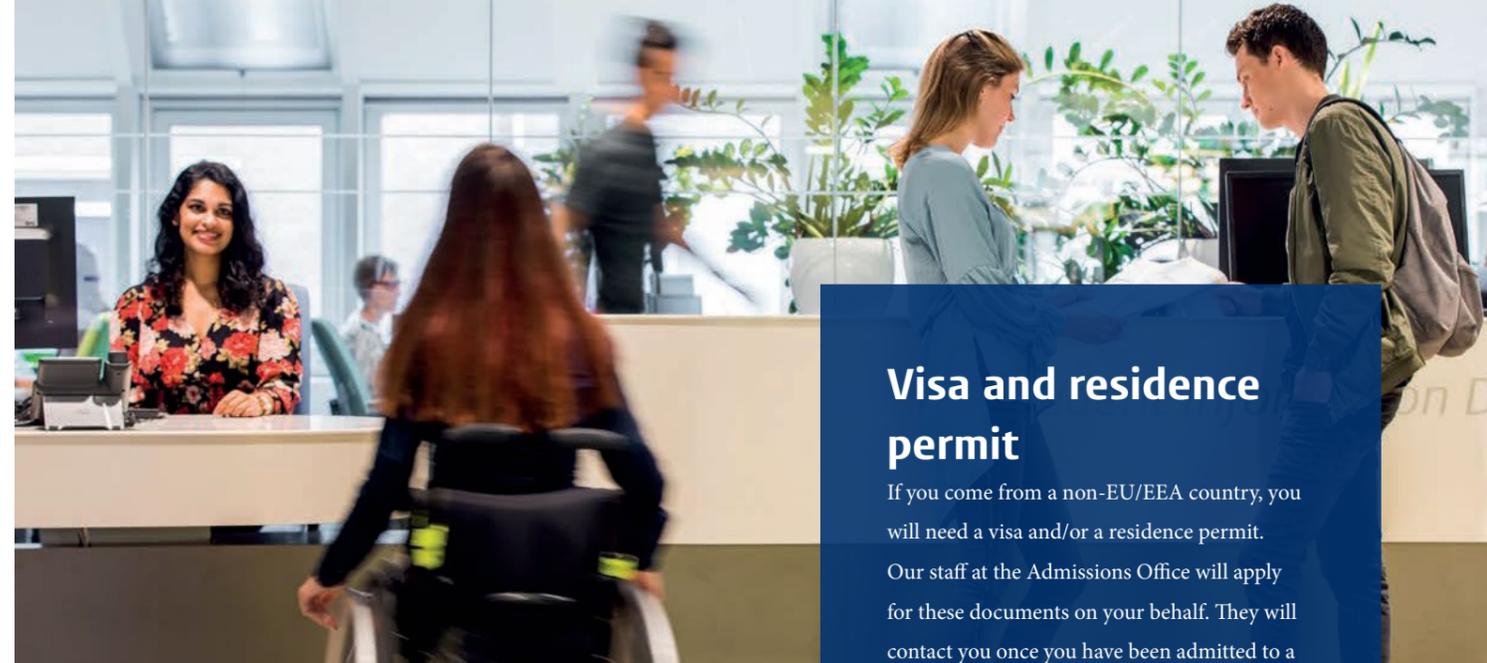
Beehive Student Centre
Turfmarkt 104
Monday to Friday: 08:00 - 22:00
Saturday, Sunday: 10:00 - 18:00

Contact form: universiteitleiden.nl/student-affairs



Admission and application for international students

Admission to master's programmes is based on several requirements. Our step-by-step guide will give you the necessary help and guidance in submitting your application.



Visa and residence permit

If you come from a non-EU/EEA country, you will need a visa and/or a residence permit. Our staff at the Admissions Office will apply for these documents on your behalf. They will contact you once you have been admitted to a master's programme, have applied for or secured accommodation, and after you have submitted proof that you have sufficient funds to support yourself during your study period.

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Step 1. Check the admission requirements

Admission to a master's programme is specific and based on academic, programme-specific and language requirements.

Academic requirements

The minimum requirement for admission to any master's programme is a relevant BA or BSc degree (or equivalent) with good results from a recognised research university.

If you do not meet the requirements, in some cases a pre-masters programme may be offered. Please note that pre-masters are not available for all programmes and not all pre-masters are taught in English. Check per programme.

Language requirements

As almost all master's programmes are taught in English, you will be asked to submit proof of your English proficiency. Requirements vary per programme. See the website for more information.

Accepted tests are:

- ▶ International English Language Testing System (IELTS): Academic module
- ▶ Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL internet-based)
- ▶ Cambridge English Exam (C2 Proficiency (CPE) or C1 Advanced (CAE)) depending on the admission requirements of the study programme

Programme-specific requirements

The entry requirements for each master's programme vary, particularly with regard to your qualifications. They may include specific academic or professional experience and motivation, or specific course requirements. You can find the details on the website of your chosen programme.



Step 2. Check the application deadlines

The deadlines for application for your chosen master's programme may vary, so please check your programme. The general application deadlines are:

Non-EU/EEA students, those requiring visas/ permits:

- 1 April**
September intake
- 15 October**
February intake

EU/EEA students:

- 15 June**
September intake
- 1 December**
February intake

- ▶ You must complete a two-part application procedure: registering your application(s) in Studielink and applying in the Leiden University online application portal (uSis). This means it will take at least two days to submit your complete application. *If you haven't registered in Studielink and activated your uSis account in time to apply for admission by the deadline, you will miss out!*
- ▶ Scholarship deadlines are usually much earlier, so also take this into account when planning your process.
- ▶ Other deadlines apply for housing, check our housing website.

Collect the required documents

When applying for admission, you will be asked to submit a number of documents. Refer to the programme-specific information for details of the documents required by each study programme.



Step 3. Start your application

- ▶ Start your application in Studielink and await your activation email for the Leiden University's online application portal (uSis).
- ▶ Activate your Leiden University account for our online application portal (uSis).
- ▶ Finalise your application by uploading the necessary documents and answering a few questions. The portal provides an overview of what you need to do to complete your application.
- ▶ After submitting your application, the online portal will, if applicable, ask you if you want to apply for student housing or a scholarship.
- ▶ Pay the €100 application fee, if applicable.
- ▶ The Admissions Office and the Board of Admissions at the faculty will review your application.
- ▶ You will receive the Board of Admissions decision within 4-6 weeks of the university receiving your complete application.
- ▶ You've been admitted? Accept your offer and check in the online application portal (uSis) whether you need to submit any documents to meet your conditions of admission, if applicable. Instructions on how to do so will be provided in uSis.

Don't forget to:

Pay your tuition fees

Arrange tuition fee payment before the official start date of your study programme. You will receive instructions and information on payment methods by email.

Prepare for your studies

Congratulations! You have completed all the steps for application and admission. Welcome to Leiden University! Have a look at our website for tips to start your studies well prepared.

universiteitleiden.nl/prepare



Financial matters

Tuition fees

Your tuition fee depends on your chosen programme, your nationality (EU/EEA or non-EU/EEA) and whether you have previously completed a master's degree in the Netherlands. Please check per programme to be sure of your fee. Are you a UK citizen? Find out how Brexit will affect you.

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Cost of living

It is important to make sure that you have sufficient funds for the entirety of your studies. If you are a non-EEA student, the Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service will require you to submit proof of this in order to approve your visa or residence permit.

Leiden University Excellence Scholarship

This competitive scholarship programme is designed for excellent non-EU/EEA students enrolling in a master's programme and for students of all nationalities enrolling in an Advanced LLM programme or the MSc in International Relations and Diplomacy. The award can cover a

substantial part of the tuition fee. Living expenses are not included in this scholarship.

Other scholarships

In addition, there is a wide range of other scholarships available for students from specific regions of the world, or for specific programmes. The Faculties of Law, Medicine and Humanities also have their own scholarship programmes for some nationalities or programmes. Please check the scholarship site for details.

Loans

Leiden University participates in loan schemes for students from the UK and the US. Leiden University accepts the SallieMae Smart Option loan, and the UK Professional and Career Development Loan. If you have EU/EEA or Swiss nationality and are under 30, you may be eligible for a loan from the Dutch government to cover your tuition fees.

Working while studying

Do you need to find a paid job to cover some of your expenses while studying in the Netherlands? While finding employment is not impossible, it may well

prove a difficult task. Working for the university is a possibility, and can be arranged through our JobMotion office. However, only a limited number of positions are available each year. Many jobs outside of the university require a good command of Dutch, and depending on your nationality, you will face some restrictions. If you are from an EU/EEA country, from Switzerland or Japan, you will not need a work permit. All other nationalities require a special work permit and can only work for a maximum of sixteen hours a week. This information is subject to change, so check the current rules when looking for employment. All in all, we advise you not to rely on finding a paid job when financially planning your study costs.

The full list of scholarships, grants and loans for prospective students as well as a list of search engines for scholarships can be found on our website:

universiteitleiden.nl/financial-aid

Tuition fees*

	Subsidised programmes	Non-Subsidised programmes
<i>For Dutch, EU/EEA**, Swiss or Surinamese nationals</i>	€2,168***	€14,000 - €18,800
<i>All other nationalities</i>	€18,800 - €27,300	€14,000 - €18,800

* Tuition fees for 2021-2022

** EU/EEA: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden

***For most programmes this tuition fee only applies if this is your first master's programme in the Netherlands

NOTE: Tuition fees are subject to change. Please check online for our updated tuition fees.

Estimated monthly expenses

 Rent* (incl. water and electricity)	€350 – €700
 General living expenses (food, clothes, phone, personal expenses)	€300 – €350
 Transport (depending on where you live and whether you ride a bicycle)	€40 – €100
 Health and liability insurance	€80 – €120
 Books/study materials (depending on study programme)	€50 – €100
 Social activities	€70 – €150
 Total	€890 – €1,520

*the estimated rents are based on unfurnished rooms.



“The Hague campus of Leiden University offers a great opportunity for students or recent graduates to pursue a career in one of the many international organisations based in the city, or the private companies located in the proximity of these institutions.”

Adrian Zacharias, Germany, MA Crisis and Security Management

Housing

Universities in the Netherlands do not own the accommodation that is available to students, and as such, Leiden University cannot guarantee housing for incoming students. Most students will rent a room or share facilities in an apartment or house with fellow students. As Leiden University is an urban campus, student housing is spread throughout the cities of Leiden and The Hague, as well as the surrounding areas. The cities themselves are our campus. Finding accommodation in either city can be difficult. We recommend that you start your search as soon as you can, as it is your responsibility to find a room prior to your arrival. There are two main ways to find accommodation:

Find housing the Dutch way!

House hunting in the Netherlands can be challenging, so we strongly recommend starting as early as possible. You may be unfamiliar with procedures and prices; websites and advertisements are often in Dutch. On our Finding housing yourself webpage you can access up-to-date information, intended to help international students to find accommodation and avoid possible pitfalls. You can independently look for housing via private landlords or housing associations. There are a number of housing organisations that can assist, such as DUWO. Social media platforms are also a good source to help find options and possible roommates. The housing website offers a list of tips and tricks for finding housing on your own.

Housing Office

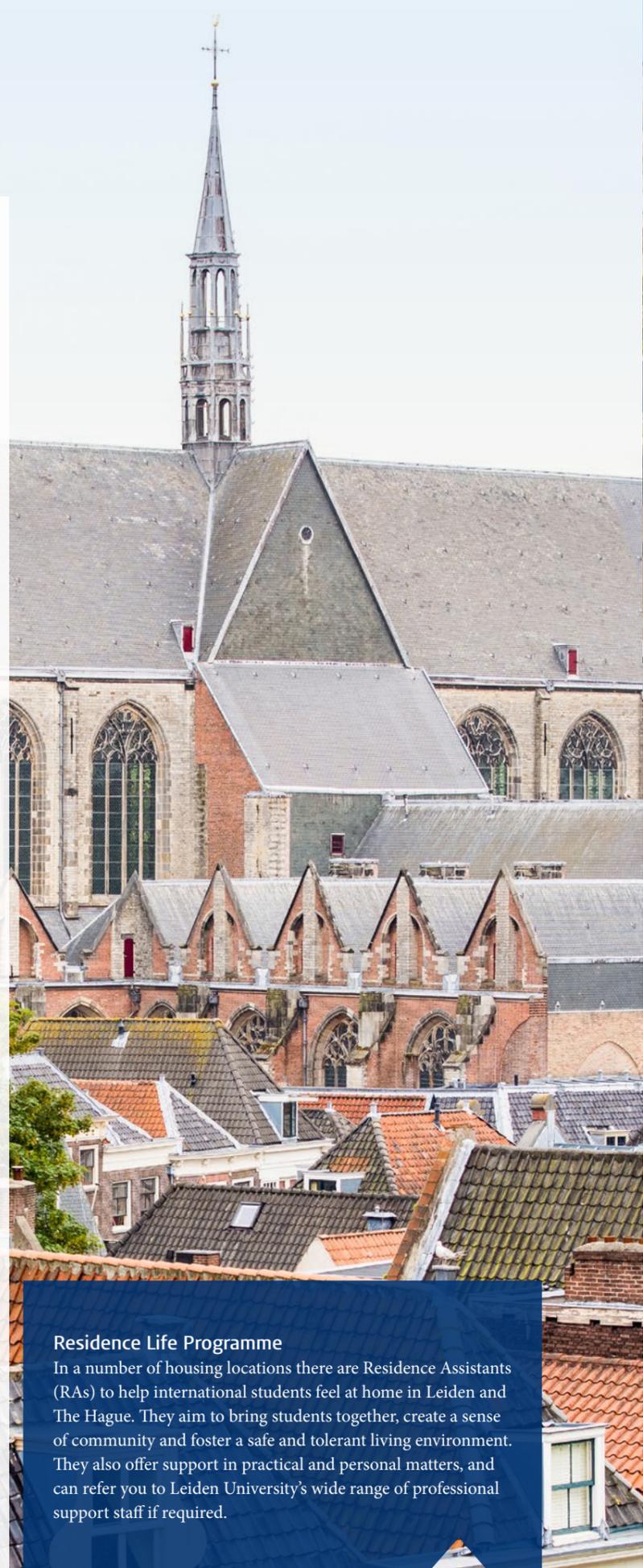
You can also apply for a housing offer through the university Housing Office. The Leiden University Housing Office reserves a limited number of rooms each year for international students who apply early enough. Here you will be assisted in finding accommodation in Leiden or The Hague. Accommodation ranges in location, size, number of people with whom you share facilities and rental fees. All housing locations and options are listed on the Housing Office website. Our advice: due to limited availability, the university cannot guarantee accommodation to all students who request housing. Accommodation is allocated on a first-come first-served basis, so request housing early! There's no need to await the outcome of your application for admission.

🔗 universiteitleiden.nl/housing

🔗 universiteitleiden.nl/residence-life-programme

Residence Life Programme

In a number of housing locations there are Residence Assistants (RAs) to help international students feel at home in Leiden and The Hague. They aim to bring students together, create a sense of community and foster a safe and tolerant living environment. They also offer support in practical and personal matters, and can refer you to Leiden University's wide range of professional support staff if required.



Looking for a Challenge

International Leiden Leadership Programme (ILLP)

ILLP is a six-month Honours Programme designed for ambitious and talented master's students at our university and at Delft University of Technology. This intensive extracurricular course is taken alongside the regular master's course, and requires substantial motivation and dedication. The students who are admitted, develop their personal leadership style during the programme based on an initial personal assessment mapping their strengths, weaknesses and ambitions. Coaching, training and seminars with leaders in the corporate and public sectors are part of the programme. Students who are selected (25 in total each year) pay a small extra fee on top of their regular tuition fee. For Dutch-speaking students there is the Dutch Leiden Leadership Programme (LLP).

🔗 universiteitleiden.nl/challenge-illp

Dual master's programme

This involves embarking upon two different university degrees at the same time. They can be complementary, or, they can be very different from one another. However, it is crucial that you obtain approval of the faculties involved. Please note that there may be an additional tuition fee involved.

Research master's programmes

Most faculties offer two-year research master's programmes, which are more intensive than the regular master's programmes. They are designed for highly motivated students, and are a good preparation for a PhD study.

Advanced master's programmes

The Leiden University Law School offers these in-depth programmes which cover a specific area of legal expertise. Designed for excellent students with legal experience and qualified lawyers who wish to enhance their career prospects, classes are small and students benefit from close contact with professors and expert practitioners from the relevant legal field.

🔗 universiteitleiden.nl/en/law

Study or internship abroad

Some programmes may allow you to follow a study abroad or internship abroad. This is an extra challenge for the most qualified students.

If you choose to do an internship or to follow part of your Leiden study programme outside of the Netherlands, you may be eligible to apply for a grant covering part of the costs. This is possible through the Erasmus+ scheme for study, research or a traineeship in a European country, or through Leiden University Lustra+ scheme. Lustra+ is intended for study, internship or research at an institution or in a company outside Europe.



Non-Degree and Study Abroad/Exchange

If you are currently enrolled at one of Leiden University's partner institutions, you can apply for an exchange semester/year in Leiden. This has the advantage that you will pay tuition fees only at your home university. Leiden University participates in the Erasmus+ programme and the International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP). In addition, we have bilateral agreements with over 70 distinguished partner institutions. Leiden University currently offers exchange opportunities in nearly 20 fields.

We recommend that you contact the exchange (or study-abroad) coordinator at your home institution to determine whether you are eligible to participate in an exchange programme.

Study Abroad

If there is no exchange agreement between Leiden University and your home institution, you have the option to apply for a Study Abroad programme for one or two semesters instead. Within this context, you will be able to create your own programme or choose a selection of courses taught in English to match your academic background and interests. Alternatively, you can also participate in programmes that are especially tailored for students with a particular interest

in law, Dutch language and culture, or biomedical sciences. Leiden University does charge tuition fees for these programmes.

[universiteitleiden.nl/exchange](https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/exchange)

Summer Schools

Leiden University offers a number of international summer schools that vary in terms of the field of study, aim, subject, duration and academic level of participants. A basic knowledge of the field of study is required, so it is best to check all requirements.

[universiteitleiden.nl/summer-schools](https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/summer-schools)

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)

Leiden University offers a selection of Massive Open Online Courses taught by renowned lecturers and professors. These courses are provided through Coursera, an education platform that partners with top universities and organisations worldwide. MOOCs are free and can be taken by anyone who is interested.

[universiteitleiden.nl/moocs](https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/moocs)

After your master's

With its international reputation of excellence, Leiden University offers its graduates a first-class starting position on the job market. In addition, we are committed to supporting you in building the skills needed to take your career in the right direction.

Career Services

Our study and career counsellors provide advice and information on planning the next steps in your career. You will have access to our workshops and web-based resources, which include career step plans, job seeking strategies and self-assessment tools. If you prefer a personalised approach, you can make an appointment for an individual counselling session with your departmental career counsellor. Additionally, each of Leiden's seven faculties has its own career services department, which embody specific expertise and resources related to the faculties' programmes. These services are open to students and to alumni for a maximum of one year after graduation.

Academic and professional network

Leiden University's lecturers and professors have an extensive network in their field of expertise. Their connections may range from international or national corporations and organisations to international universities and research institutes. Access to this network can prove useful when you are ready to take your next career step.

Internships and jobs

An internship can be a good way to explore the job market and to get an insight into a specific organisation or job. Also, working as an intern can help you to expand your professional network. Our career counsellors can support you in applying for internships and jobs and can provide you with information about pursuing a career both in and outside the Netherlands.

[universiteitleiden.nl/careerzone](https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/careerzone)

Orientation Year for non-EU/EEA students

Did you know that after obtaining your master's degree, you are able to stay in the Netherlands to explore your options on the Dutch labour market? This is possible through a special one-year permit called the Orientation Year. Knowledge and talent are welcome in the Netherlands to strengthen our competitive position and knowledge-based economy. All candidates have

three years after graduation or finishing research to apply for the Orientation Year.

Alumni

After graduating and participating in the centuries-old tradition of signing 'het Zweetkamerijtje' (the Sweat Room) wall, you will become an alumnus. Leiden University is proud of her alumni. They contribute in many different ways to the growth and development of the university. The university also offers several services to contribute to its alumni's ongoing personal and professional development. For example, our alumni have lifetime access to the Leiden University Libraries free of charge, providing you with access from home to the newest studies and publications to keep your knowledge up-to-date or to dive into completely new subjects.

Mentor Network

Leiden University's alumni hold positions in a vast range of sectors, all over the world. As such they are good resources for graduates who are just starting out on the job market. Through the Leiden Alumni Mentor Network you can contact Leiden alumni online and ask them for advice.

[universiteitleiden.nl/mentor-network](https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/mentor-network)

From New York to Tokyo

The university organises events for alumni all over the world. Leiden professors and other representatives meet up with alumni to catch up, to discuss developments in Leiden and to network. Around 26 November, Cleveringa Meetings take place at more than 40 locations throughout the world and are a great way for alumni to strengthen the connection with their alma mater and meet other alumni who work and live in their country.

More information on our alumni services can be found here:

[universiteitleiden.nl/en/alumni](https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/alumni)



Het Zweetkamerijtje (the Sweat Room)

Read more about student life in Leiden and The Hague at our student blog!

 theleidener.com

What students have to say



'You can definitely feel that Leiden University is the oldest one in Holland. You can feel the history in a lot of the academic buildings, and the city of Leiden and its university are very much intertwined. I think the programme is really great. Compared to the UK, the programme is a lot more thorough, and also a lot more work. One of the things I like most is that the programme has a lot of applied projects which are useful for after graduation. An internship is a part of the programme, which is a big advantage. Through this, it's a lot easier to get access to a good company. It's one of the reasons why *I think I'll stay in Holland for 2-3 years after graduation.* Holland is doing better in terms of youth employment than France, and within my field there are a lot of data-driven job opportunities here. After arriving in Leiden, I quickly joined the board of OWL, the Orientation Week Leiden. Through that, I got to know a lot of Dutch students. Also, the contact with my fellow students is good. The group is small, around 30 students, and has a nice balance of Dutch and non-Dutch students.'

Edouard Bonneville
Statistical Science

'I chose Leiden after researching various courses in Europe. Leiden seemed the best because of its proximity to The Hague and Amsterdam. Leiden also scored very well in the QS Rankings, as my course was in the top 25. I also contacted former students through LinkedIn, and they were working or following internships at international organisations such as UNESCO or the UN. I come from a big city, Buenos Aires, and having the opportunity to live in Leiden has been rewarding in every aspect. I would totally recommend the city to international students who are coming to study, as it is a city full of young people. The city is small, I like that it feels cosy and fun, as you can run into the same people you study with but in a different scenario. *I love living in Leiden as I feel it is my home, I feel really comfortable studying here.* The city is beautiful, and every day there is something different to do.'

Paz Maria Gonzalez-Cutre
International Relations, Global Order in Historical Perspective

'The Hague is perfect. It's small yet overwhelming in terms of the relevant organisations that are here, and also because of all the things you can do. I love running through the Malieveld or going to the Plein to have a drink or go to a club. The Hague feels very homey, I really feel I'm a part of it. As for the programme itself, the biggest plusses are the people you come into contact with such as diplomats from all over the world, the connection with the Clingendael Institute is very appealing. As for my future, *I think coming to Leiden has given me a wider range of possibilities:* applying for a job within the EU has now become an option. What I would say to people when I talk about Leiden is its amazing academic history: Albert Einstein taught here, and International Law was practically envisioned in Leiden by Grotius! And Leiden always seems to be academically relevant, with up-to-date publications.'

Vedant Mehra
International Relations and Diplomacy

'As orientation, I participated in the Master's Open Day and the Experience Day. I learned the most from just talking to other students who were doing the course at the time. They tell you about their inspirations, job perspectives and strengths and weaknesses of the programme. I am currently living in a privately rented room and share a house with six other girls, all international students. It's really fun, and we live in a perfect location in the city centre. *It's the most beautiful city I ever lived in.* I love living in Leiden. It's a real student town, there are a lot of young people with a lot of energy. Everything you need is close by. It's also a city with an international feel to it. I can cycle to the beach in 30 minutes. Being from Austria, that's really special. Also, it's close to the airport, which is very convenient as I do quite a bit of travelling.'

Margot Möslinger
Industrial Ecology

'There's so much to do in The Hague. It's truly an international city with institutions like the International Criminal Court, people from all sorts of backgrounds, different foods that you can experience in different parts of town, and all kinds of festivals and events. On Tuesdays, I met with Dutch classmates from Leiden and we did nice things like exploring other Dutch cities. The boat ride in Rotterdam especially was fantastic. There were 11 students in my class, it was a good mix. There were 4 people older than 30, but even the young ones we really got along with. *I think I gained some lifelong friendships* with some of the students after this. Together, we're able to celebrate our differences and the things we have in common. This has all been a life-changing experience for me.'

Melissa Ahkir
Advanced Master's in International Children's Rights

'I attended the Master's Open Day in October, and the way the students were introduced to the classes and each other felt more like a community than all the other Dutch universities. I felt right at home. I'm now president of the International Studies Students Association, which creates a platform for international students and alumni to network. *I know a lot of friends through ISSA, but also through the Orientation Week Leiden.* Three of the OWL groups have stuck together, and represent something like 22 countries. I live in The Hague, which is a super-international city and a bit bigger than Leiden. I like that better. There's just so much to do - going to festivals and markets, you can taste food from all over the world here. It's very much an international, political city.'

Brittany Bowie
International Relations: Culture and Politics



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Discover our cities and faculties in 360°



For a variety of reasons, you may not be able to experience Leiden University in person. There is plenty to discover online.

Each faculty offers a 360° virtual tour so you can visit us from wherever you are. You can even visit the cities of Leiden and The Hague from the comfort of your own home. For additional online activities check the details on page 67 of this brochure.

universiteitleiden.nl/ma-360-tours

Overview of master's programmes

Leiden University combines excellence and opportunities in its 80 master's programmes and nearly 200 specialisations.

These programmes cover nearly all academic disciplines, ranging from natural science to law, from language and literature to medicine, and from social science to philosophy, and are taught by faculty with a national and international reputation for teaching and research.



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Faculty of Archaeology

Leiden's Archaeology master's programmes are the broadest programmes of their kind in the Netherlands. Leiden is the only place in the Netherlands that has an independent Faculty of Archaeology. The Faculty consistently ranks in the global top 10 in the QS World University Ranking.

The programme offers various specialisations and regional focus areas. You may choose to focus on regions like Europe, the Near East, the Mediterranean or the Americas. The teaching programme is closely linked to ongoing, state-of-the-art research. Our academic staff are involved in research all over the world, with a strong focus on field research. In addition, the programme emphasises ecology and geology, combined with both iconology and historical studies, as well as ethno-archaeological, anthropological and experimental approaches. The possible combination with modern museum practices and developments of archaeological heritage management broadens the scope even more.

Faculty of Archaeology

1 and 2	year master's programmes
237	master's students
42%	international master's students
29	nationalities
€2,168	EU/EEA student tuition fee*
€18,800	Non-EU student tuition fee

* This tuition fee is per year and only applies if this is your first master's programme in The Netherlands

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NOTE: Tuition fees are subject to change. Please check online our updated tuition fees.

Master's programmes

Archaeology

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

Specialisations

- Applied Archaeology
- Archaeological Science
- Global Archaeology
- Heritage and Museum Studies

Career

Positions at university institutes, museums, government agencies, commercial agencies. Career options outside the field of archaeology: journalism, publishing, public relations and positions at international organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in archaeology or relevant discipline. Specialisation-specific knowledge may also be required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/archaeology

Archaeology (Research)

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 2 YEARS LEIDEN

Our research master's programme offers interesting regional and thematic specialisation possibilities. It stimulates extra-talented and motivated students by exposing them to cutting-edge research and making them part of it. Together with the supervisor of your choice, you build your own programme, ensuring a tailor-made one-on-one research trajectory.

Career

Research positions at university institutes, consultancies or in public service, museums, government, provincial and local authority agencies. Other options include journalism, publishing, public relations and positions at international organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in archaeology. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/rma-archaeology

Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs

The mission of the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs is to develop socially relevant research and education with a strong link to the city of The Hague and its international community in an innovating and inter- and transdisciplinary way. The faculty has innovating and international teaching programmes and explores new research fields, while demonstrating the value of its research to a broader public. Thus, it contributes to the collection of answers to the administrative and social challenges of today. The faculty's researchers aim to develop innovating insights into the field of (public) administration and social sectors like sustainability, public health, (inter-)national safety, globalisation, technological developments, digitalisation and big data as well as (cyber) security.

Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs

1 and 2	year master's programmes
887	master's students
25%	international master's students
61	nationalities
€2,168	EU/EEA student tuition fee*
€18,800	Non-EU/EEA student tuition fee

The Advanced programme International Relations & Diplomacy and Executive programme Cyber Security are not subsidised by the Dutch government. For these programmes an annual institutional tuition fee applies for all students. The annual tuition fees are:
 €17,400 International Relations & Diplomacy
 €14,000 Cyber Security

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Master's programmes

Crisis and Security Management

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR THE HAGUE



This programme focuses on the causes of (perceived) threats to security, the political and social construction of (in)security, the pattern of reactions to these threats, prevention strategies and best practices. Crisis and security are studied from a multi-actor, multidisciplinary and multi-level approach. Crises and Security Management offers you the choice of three specialisations, each of which explores different themes from a crisis, terrorism and cybersecurity perspective.

Specialisations:

- Governance of Crisis
- Governance of Radicalism, Extremism and Terrorism
- Cybersecurity Governance
- Intelligence and National Security

Check our website for the most up-to-date offer of specialisations.

Career

Positions in policy-making bodies, local and provincial government, international organisations and NGOs, consultancy, and private industry.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Security Studies or attention to the following components in their curriculum: relevant aspects of crisis and security issues, relevant aspects of governance issues and relevant empirical research skills.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 (minimum 7.0 per component)
 TOEFL internet-based: 100 (minimum 25 points per component) /
 Cambridge C2 Proficiency, or C1 Advanced: 185

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/csm

Cyber Security

ENGLISH FEBRUARY 1,5 - 2 YEARS THE HAGUE



The Executive Master's in Cyber Security is a multidisciplinary programme that focuses on the technological as well as the legal, administrative, economic and psychological aspects of digital security. The programme has been developed by Leiden University, Delft University of Technology, The Hague University of Applied Sciences and various private partners.

Specialisations:

- Governance track
- Technical track

Career

Graduates work in the field of cyber security either in private, public, or semi-public companies.

Best preparatory degree

A completed master's degree from a university (of applied sciences) in a relevant discipline, as well as several years of relevant professional experience.

English proficiency**

Adequate proficiency shown through motivation letter, English CV and intake interview.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/cybersecurity

International Relations and Diplomacy

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS THE HAGUE



This Advanced programme is taught jointly by the Institute for Security and Global Affairs, the Institute for Political Science and the Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael. This highly selective programme is a unique combination of academic education in international relations and political science, featuring practice-oriented courses and training in international negotiations and diplomacy. Each year, this programme attracts a large number of applications from students all around the world and the advantage of being in The Hague, the international city of peace and justice, is an additional asset.

Career

Career options include international diplomacy, government and non-governmental organisations, national or international public administrations, 'think tanks' and research institutions, international interest associations or international business.

Best preparatory degree

A bachelor's or master's degree in political science, international relations, international law, public administration, economics, sociology or history.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL: 100 / Cambridge C2 Proficiency, or C1 Advanced: 185

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/ird

Management Public Sector

DUTCH START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR THE HAGUE



In this programme you learn to analyse and address key societal challenges of the public sector, using multiple perspectives and paying special attention to competing values and interests. Located in The Hague and connected with various (inter)national (non)governmental organisations, the programme offers two tracks. Whereas the Governance

and Consulting track takes off from a practice-oriented position and works towards analysis and reflection, the Politics, Policy, and Management track starts with academic analysis and reflection to work towards practical applications.

Specialisations

- Governance and Consulting (evening)
- Politics, Policy and Management (daytime)

Career

This programme prepares you for a career as a professional in the (Dutch) public sector.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in public administration or a closely related discipline, such as political science.

Dutch proficiency

TUL-Advanced Dutch

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Public Administration

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR THE HAGUE



The central question within this master's is: how to address the world's most pressing policy challenges from a governance perspective? The Master's in Public Administration gives you a unique multi-level perspective on managing policy challenges in their complex societal setting where multiple actors, interests and policy areas intertwine. The three specialisations focus on an economic, international, and organisational approach of governance.

Specialisations

- Economics and Governance
- International and European Governance
- Public Management and Leadership

Career

This programme prepares students for managerial and (policy) advisory positions in the public domain as well as for policy-related jobs in the private and non-governmental sector.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in public administration or in a closely related discipline, such as political science, public management, public policy, economics, business management, and sociology.

English proficiency**

IELTS: overall 7.0 with minimum band scores reading 6.5, listening, 6.5 speaking 6.5 and writing 7.0. TOEFL: IBT 100 (internet-based) with minimum band scores 22 reading, 22 listening, 22 speaking and 25 writing.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/public-administration

Faculty of Humanities

The Faculty of Humanities in Leiden is unique in its breadth of languages, cultures, arts and societies of the world, in their historic context, from prehistory to the present. We offer a challenging and international study environment in which research and education are closely intertwined. The master's programmes we offer are often small-scale and we provide room for customisations such as personal learning trajectories. The Faculty of Humanities is consistently ranked in the top 30 of Humanities faculties in the Times Higher Education worldwide ranking. This encourages us to work even harder to deliver research and to teach students how to address current issues within an international context.

Faculty of Humanities

1 and 2	year master's programmes
2,148	master's students
25%	international master's students
68	nationalities
€2,168	EU/EEA student tuition fee*
€18,800	Non-EU/EEA student tuition fee*

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Master's programmes

African Studies

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN

This multidisciplinary programme offers ambitious students the opportunity to explore the African continent from a wide range of perspectives: historical, literary, cultural, socio-economical and political. A three-month internship at an organisation of your choice in Africa will give you the chance to gain invaluable cultural and professional experience.

Career

Your degree prepares you for roles in cultural organisations, education, policy-making, tourism, development, publishing, public relations, and journalism.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree from a university, equivalent to the level of a Dutch academic bachelor's degree. Knowledge, understanding and skills comparable to those acquired upon graduating from the Bachelor's programme in African Language and Cultures at Leiden University.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/african-studies

African Studies (Research)

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS LEIDEN

The programme is unique in continental Europe for the interdisciplinary range of subjects offered and the variety of perspectives. Within the Research MA you will focus on developing your research skills, and you will have an entire year (including six months consisting of fieldwork) to execute your own research project. This offers you outstanding opportunities to get insights into working and conducting research in Africa and to enhance your job prospects.

Career

Positions as a policy maker or consultant for African-focused organisations worldwide, as well as professions focused on the African continent, e.g. at ministries, NGOs, international organisations, or in management, education, journalism or public relations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in the field of African languages and cultures, (African) linguistics, history, cultural anthropology, literature, sociology, political sciences, public administration or other studies related to the social sciences.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/african-studies-research



Arts and Culture

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

This is a unique programme in terms of its diverse and interdisciplinary range of subjects. The programme offers you the choice of three specialisations, each of which explores different themes from a comparative and global perspective. A broad range of electives allows you to further customise your degree.

Specialisations

- Art, Architecture and Interior before 1800
- Contemporary Art in a Global Perspective
- Museums and Collections

Career

Positions at museums, art galleries, cultural institutions, (art) libraries and archives, as well as positions in the publishing and general media sectors, art trade, journalism or public relations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in art history.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/arts-and-culture

Arts, Literature and Media (Research)

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  2 YEARS  LEIDEN

This two-year interdisciplinary research programme focuses on the study of the media, as well as art and literature. The programme stands out because of its global character, focus on design and applied arts and the collaboration with the programme in Media Studies.

Career

Positions at research agencies or in the research departments of companies or government organisations. Many graduates enter PhD programmes at Leiden or other top universities abroad. Outside of research, positions are in the publishing, cultural public domain, art trade, public relations, translating and teaching fields.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in art history, media studies, cultural studies, archaeology, fine art, architectural studies, comparative literature/literary studies or in a specific language and culture.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/arts-and-culture-research

Asian Studies (60 EC)

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

This programme focuses on the study of Asia as a whole or on a region within Asia. It is accessible to students with or without competence in one or more Asian languages and is unique in the Netherlands.

Specialisations

- East Asian Studies
- History, Arts and Culture of Asia
- Politics, Society and Economy of Asia
- South Asian Studies
- Southeast Asian Studies

Career

Positions in journalism, publishing, international trade, marketing, business, public relations, education and development aid, or with government institutions, international organisations and NGOs. Alumni also often find employment in Asia itself.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a discipline from the Humanities or Social Sciences. Specialisation-specific requirements and sufficient command of a relevant Asian language may also apply.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/asian-studies

Asian Studies (120 EC)

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  2 YEARS  LEIDEN

This is a disciplinary specialisation and an advanced language acquisition programme, which includes one year at a university in China, Japan or Korea.

Specialisations

- Chinese Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Korean Studies

Career

Positions with NGOs, multinationals and small and medium-sized companies, at news organisations (e.g. as a journalist or correspondent), or in the public relations sector (e.g. as a travel guide, interpreter or translator).

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a discipline from the Humanities or Social Sciences. Specialisation-specific knowledge and sufficient command of the relevant Asian language are also required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/asian-studies

Asian Studies (Research)

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER  2 YEARS  LEIDEN

This programme focuses on the study of a region (China, Japan, Korea, South Asia or Southeast Asia) or a subject such as political science, religious studies, art and culture, or language and literature studies, taking a regional or interregional approach.

Career

Positions in publishing, international trade, public relations, education and development aid, or in government, international organisations and NGOs. Our graduates often find employment in Asia itself. You will be equipped to pursue a position conducting independent research at an academic level, such as that of a junior academic researcher or a doctoral student on a PhD programme.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a discipline from the Humanities or Social Sciences. Knowledge of the fundamentals of Asian Studies and/or area studies, literary studies, linguistics, history and/or social sciences.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/asian-studies-research

Classics and Ancient Civilizations

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

The programme consists of current research on all the cultures of the Mediterranean region and all historical periods. There is an emphasis on reading ancient texts in their language of origin and discussing possible interpretations. The programme is unique in the Netherlands and has been ranked 6th in the 2020 QS World University Rankings by Subject.

Specialisations

- Assyriology
- Classics
- Egyptology
- Hebrew and Aramaic Studies

Career

Positions in the fields of the specialisations, in business and commerce, within government service or non-profit organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a field related to the specialisation. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/classics-and-ancient-civilisations

Classics and Ancient Civilizations (Research)

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  2 YEARS  LEIDEN

Leiden University's Classics and Ancient Civilizations (Research) programme ranked 6th in the 2020 QS World University Rankings by Subject. This programme consists of all areas of current research into the civilisations of Greece, Rome and the Ancient Near East. Research is placed in a broader context, and the programme makes creative use of a wide range of research methods.

Specialisations

- Assyriology (research)
- Classics (research)
- Egyptology (research)
- Hebrew and Aramaic Studies (research)

Career

Graduates work as junior researchers in an academic environment. Outside academia, career options include working within the fields of publishing or teaching, at policy-making departments of governmental bodies, within the education sector, or within cultural tourism.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a field related to the specialisation. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/classics-and-ancient-civilisations-research

Dutch Studies/Neerlandistiek

DUTCH  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

This programme is intended for students from the Netherlands and abroad. It is multidisciplinary in nature, ranging from the Middle Ages to the present day and provides you with an international view on the Dutch language and culture. Topics studied include literature, linguistics, language acquisition and the history, including art history, of the Netherlands.

Specialisations

- Dutch Discourse Studies
- Dutch Language, Culture and Society
- Dutch Linguistics
- Modern Dutch Literature
- Older Dutch Literature

Career

Many graduates pursue a career in education. Others work as a journalist, communications specialist, editor, translator or researcher.



Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Dutch language and culture or Dutch studies. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required, as well as command of the Dutch language.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/dutch-studies

European Politics and Society

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 2 YEARS LEIDEN KRAKOW PRAGUE BARCELONA

This is a unique two-year programme in which you will be able to study at four major European universities in Prague, Leiden, Krakow and Barcelona. The programme focuses on the societal, political, and economic processes that have formed present-day Europe.

Career

Graduates work for public services, research institutes, business services, banking and financial services, communications, education, or within policy development.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a field related to the programme. Knowledge of international relations, political science, European studies or other related disciplines is recommended.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 95

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/european-politics-society

History

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

The programme offers you the chance to specialise in niche subject areas not offered elsewhere. A flexible format also allows you to tailor your degree to suit your career goals. To help you develop a cohesive area of expertise, the programme offers six specialisations each with its own thematic focus. Within some specialisations, you have the added option of focusing on Heritage and Postcolonial Studies, Maritime History, Economic History or Governance of Migration and Diversity.

Specialisations

- Ancient History
- Cities, Migration and Global Interdependence
- Colonial and Global History
- Europaeum Programme on European History and Civilisation: Leiden-Oxford-Paris programme
- Europe 1000-1800
- Politics, Culture and National Identities, 1789 to the Present

Career

Positions within public services, research institutes, business services, financial services, communications and

teaching, as well as policy development, management, coordination, editing and information services.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in history. Specialisation-specific knowledge may also be required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/history

History (Research)

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 2 YEARS LEIDEN

This programme has a special emphasis on the development of theories of historical processes, historiography and the methodology of historical research. During your studies you will experience the riches and challenges of academia not only via frequent meetings with your tutor, but also during the seminars in which staff members and students discuss one another's research findings.

Specialisations

- Ancient History (research)
- Cities, Migration and Global Interdependence (research)
- Colonial and Global History (research)
- Europe 1000-1800 (research)
- Politics, Culture and National Identities, 1789 to the Present (Research)

Career

Positions in research, or in policy-making at government departments and NGOs, positions in international organisations or companies, in journalism, public relations and business services.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in history or a comparable degree with a relevant specialisation. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/history-research

International Relations

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

Leiden University's MA in International Relations offers a comprehensive understanding of current global and regional issues, providing an outstanding platform for a career in the international arena. The programme is characterised by a challenging combination of theoretical knowledge and practical experience. We are the only university in the Netherlands to offer this wealth of area

specialists and the extensive range of contacts with national and international government and non-government institutions.

Specialisations

- Culture and Politics
- European Union Studies
- Global Conflict in the Modern Era
- Global Order in Historical Perspective
- Global Political Economy

Career

Positions in international government, non-government and for-profit spheres. There is an increasing demand for young people with language skills and the knowledge to operate across nations and cultures.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in the field of social sciences, humanities, law or economics.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/international-relations

Latin American Studies

ENGLISH PORTUGUESE SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

The programme explores the most current social, political, linguistic and cultural developments shaping Latin America today. It is multidisciplinary in nature, including disciplines such as modern history, literature and linguistics, and maintains close contacts with academic institutions and universities in Latin America. A research trip to Latin America gives you the chance to immerse yourself in one of the region's languages and cultures.

Career

Positions within cultural organisations, education, translation, tourism, documentation, development cooperation, embassies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and non-profit organisations focusing on Latin America.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies or knowledge, understanding and skills comparable to those acquired upon graduating from a similar programme. Sufficient command of the language of instruction is also required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 79-80

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/latin-american-studies

Latin American Studies (Research)

ENGLISH PORTUGUESE SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS LEIDEN

This programme is your opportunity to explore the social, cultural, and historical narratives shaping present-day Latin America. Taught by international researchers, this interdisciplinary programme centres around the theme 'Latin American Modernities: Resistance, Revival and Change'.

Career

Positions at specialised state agencies, ministries, development organisations, NGOs, European companies that operate in Latin America or the Caribbean, or positions as a junior university lecturer or researcher.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in area studies, literary studies, history and/or social sciences. Specialisation-specific knowledge and sufficient command of the language of instruction are also required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/latin-american-studies-research

Linguistics

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN

In the Linguistics programme you can focus on your main inspiration: a specific language, analytical curiosity, theoretical interest or translating ambitions. The programme is delivered by the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics, which brings together renowned scholars from a variety of theoretical and applied perspectives. The Translation specialisation is a member of the prestigious European Masters in Translation (EMT) Network which ensures you receive a professional qualification of the highest standards.

Specialisations

- Linguistics
- Modern Languages
- Translation

Career

Positions within the publishing sector, teaching, translation, health services and ICT, or a position as a junior academic researcher.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in linguistics or in a discipline which is relevant to the specialisation. Specialisation-specific requirements may also apply.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

Translation specialisation:

IELTS: 7.5

TOEFL internet-based: 113

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/linguistics

Linguistics (Research)

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  2 YEARS  LEIDEN

This programme covers all areas of modern linguistics and is offered by the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics (LUCL). A wide selection of language studies is available. An important aspect of this programme is developing your ability to conduct original and innovative research. You will have the opportunity to attend conferences, workshops and lecture series organised in Leiden, as well as internationally. All these will help you get your career off to an outstanding start.

Career

Positions as a researcher within an institute or company, or other positions where an academic level of thinking and working is required for example in publishing, teaching, translation or ICT.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in linguistics, a language and culture programme or a comparable degree with a relevant specialisation. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/linguistics-research

Literary Studies

ENGLISH OR THE LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

This programme has a focus on medieval, early modern and modern literature at the English and French departments, early modern literature at the Italian department and modern literature at the German department. The programme offers you a specialised qualification in one of four languages and cultures or a comparative perspective on these languages, with each specialisation offering considerable scope for individual customisation.

Specialisations

- English Literature and Culture
- French Literature and Culture (in French)
- German Literature and Culture (in German)
- Italian Literature and Culture (in Italian)
- Literature in Society. Europe and beyond

Career

Positions in publishing, communications, translation, business services, education, journalism or commerce.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a field related to the specialisation. Requirements also include specialisation-specific knowledge and command of the language of instruction.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

English Literature and Culture specialisation:

IELTS: 7.5 / TOEFL internet-based: 113

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/literary-studies

Media Studies

ENGLISH OR THE LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION  SEPTEMBER  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

Each specialisation explores a different medium in depth, including how it interrelates with other media forms. You will also investigate the roots of this relatively new academic field. The Media Studies specialisations provide ample opportunity for you to apply ideas in practice throughout the programme.

Specialisations

- Book and Digital Media Studies
- Cultural Analysis: Literature and Theory
- Film and Photographic Studies
- Journalism and New Media (in Dutch)

Career

Positions in journalism, editing, cultural institutions, publishing, all branches of the book trade, libraries, the cultural heritage sector and knowledge industry.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a field related to the discipline. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/media-studies

Middle Eastern Studies

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

This programme covers virtually the entire Middle East region, both in time and geographically. The programme exposes you to research covering the history, literature, languages and politics of the Arab, Persian and Turkish world, with special attention for the field of Islamic law, anthropology, philology and the modern Middle East. The programme offers you great flexibility to create your own specialisation within the field of Middle Eastern Studies.

Career

Positions in the diplomatic service, at policy-making departments in ministries, the education, cultural, tourism or social-cultural sectors, and international organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a field related to the specialisation. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/middle-eastern-studies

Middle Eastern Studies (Research)

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER  2 YEARS  LEIDEN

This programme offers the possibility of focusing completely on a region, such as the Arabic world, North Africa, Turkey or the Persian world, or on a subject, such as history, political science, religious studies or language and literature studies. Both a regional or an interregional approach are possible.

Career

Positions in the public or private sectors in which advanced research skills are required. This includes editing, education, tourism, journalism or research in commercial or governmental organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree which includes knowledge of the fundamentals of Middle Eastern studies and/or area studies, literary studies, linguistics, history and/or social sciences.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/middle-eastern-studies-research

North American Studies

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

The North American Studies programme takes a multi-disciplinary approach to the study of the United States, with a particular emphasis on examining key aspects of American history, culture, and literature, from a historical perspective. It offers the possibility of researching large-scale or more specific topics in the history, literature or culture of the U.S. While the programme focuses on the U.S., you will also explore the role the U.S. plays in the region and in the world.

Career

Graduates find employment in fields that require general academic training and skills for which an extensive knowledge of U.S. history, politics, or culture is required.

Career options include teaching, journalism, politics, government, publishing, translation and research.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in American Studies, or in the field of humanities or social studies with a focus on American studies.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/north-american-studies

Philosophy (60 EC)

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

This programme studies historical and systematic approaches to philosophy, with a focus on primary philosophical texts. In addition, connections are made between the history of philosophy and current philosophical discussions.

Specialisations

- Global and Comparative Philosophy
- Modern European Philosophy
- Moral and Political Philosophy
- Philosophical Perspectives on Politics and the Economy
- Philosophy of Knowledge

Career

The programme prepares you for any career in which conceptual, analytic and interpretative skills are important, including careers in the public sector, business and the media, as well as an academic career.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in philosophy or a comparable degree.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/philosophy-60

Philosophy (120 EC)

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  2 YEARS  LEIDEN

This programme is intended for students of a non-philosophical discipline who are interested in a philosophical reflection on their field of study. It offers training in text interpretation and analysing and solving abstract problems. Possible points of interest include: the foundations, history and methodology of the chosen field of study, the relationship with related fields of study and the ethics of professional practice.

Specialisations

- Philosophy of Humanities
- Philosophy of Law, Governance, and Politics
- Philosophy in World Traditions

Career

Positions in research, as well as in the public sector, in journalism and communication, business services, culture and teaching.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree from a university, equivalent to the level of a Dutch academic bachelor's degree in a discipline relevant to the chosen specialisation, or a bachelor's degree in a programme in which philosophy is combined with the chosen discipline.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/philosophy-120

Religious Studies

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN

This multidisciplinary programme is unique for its wide spectrum of religions and themes including modernisation and globalisation. You will be equipped with everything needed to analyse situations and tackle problems in society at large. Our staff members are specialised in Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and New Religious movements.

Career

Positions as editor, journalist, policy adviser, counsellor, teacher of religion or philosophy, or a career in research.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in theology, religious studies, world religions, Islamic studies, or Islamic theology.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/religious-studies

Russian and Eurasian Studies

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

Students in this programme can focus on the languages, literature and cultures of Russia and the Eurasian world, on the political, historical and economical background of the region, or on a combination of the two. There is the option of studying abroad. Please note that most courses do not require prior knowledge of Russian.

Career

Positions with NGOs, in trade and commerce, transport, consultancy, journalism, translation, banking, tourism, civil service and academic research.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Russian studies or a comparable degree.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/russian-and-eurasianstudies

Leiden Law School

With its international focus and roots going far back in the Dutch legal order, the faculty has helped to train many generations of legal professionals for key positions within a society governed by the rule of law. The research of the faculty is not restricted to just one core issue, but aims at excellent cutting-edge research across the full breadth of law. Each year more than 1,000 students choose to study Law, Notarial Law, Tax Law or Criminology here. Besides these students, around 500 to 600 international students come to our law school: ranging from exchange students who are here to study for one semester in Leiden, to students who have completed their undergraduate studies and have been selected for one of our advanced master's programmes. These figures say a lot about the scale of our law school. But they also demonstrate the attraction our law school has for talented legal professionals and criminologists – both at home and abroad.

Leiden Law School

1	year master's programmes
2,210	master's students
24%	international master's students
73	nationalities
€2,168	EU/EEA student tuition fee*
€18,800	Non-EU/EEA student tuition fee

The Advanced LL.M. programmes are not subsidised by the Dutch government. For these programmes an institutional tuition fee applies. The tuition fee for the Advanced LL.M. programmes for all students is €18,800

* This tuition fee is per year and only applies if this is your first master's programme in The Netherlands

** English language proficiency requirements are subject to change. Please check our website for the updated English language proficiency requirements. You can find the exact language requirements and more detailed language requirements per programme under each programme description. Also check our website for detailed information on the types of English tests accepted and the equivalent scores for IELTS, TOEFL and Cambridge English tests.

NOTE: Tuition fees are subject to change. Please check online our updated tuition fees.

Master's programmes

Air and Space Law (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

The LL.M. programme in Air and Space Law combines public air law, private air law and space law. It has a clearly defined European and international dimension, making it unique in the world. In this intensive one-year master's programme, you will gain a solid legal foundation in this exciting field, learning from some of the foremost experts in academia and legal practice.

Career

Many of our graduates find positions in law firms or consulting firms with an aviation and space law practice, legal departments of airports, airlines and aerospace companies, civil aviation authorities, ministries of transportation, space organisations like the European Space Agency and academia. With the liberalisation of the European aviation laws and the growing number of actors operating in outer space, the already high demand for experts in this field is only expected to increase.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full law degree (offering access to legal practice) with sufficient knowledge of international law. Some prior knowledge of Air and Space Law is certainly an asset, but is not compulsory. In addition, candidates for the blended learning version of the Advanced Master's programme must have at least five years of professional experience in the field of air and/or space activities, as the programme is specifically designed for experienced professionals.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/asl

Child Law

DUTCH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

This programme is unique in the Netherlands. It offers an insight into the social and ethical context in which juvenile law is developed and expressed. You will gain knowledge about the foundations and principles of children's rights from a human rights perspective, and about the national and international origin of these foundations and principles. Particular attention is paid to the influence of international human rights. The teaching is closely linked with practice and there is a strong focus on current events.

Career

The programme offers a broad basis for lawyers who wish to specialise in the legal profession, the judiciary, the Public Prosecution Service or other ministries. Options also

include positions at the Child Protection Service, the Council for Child Protection, the government, interest groups, or research positions at universities or private institutions.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in law or notarial law from a Dutch university.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/child-law

Crime and Criminal Justice (MSc)

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

Criminology and Criminal Justice is a one-year master's programme at the renowned Leiden Law School of Leiden University. The programme explores contemporary criminal justice developments and challenges from legal and criminological perspectives. It is unique in its cross-national and multidisciplinary scope.

Specialisations

- Comparative Criminal Justice
- Criminology and Security Policy (in Dutch)

Career

Our graduates end up in law(-related) professions, (international) criminal justice organisations, research, teaching, and roles related to policy-making and policy-advice. Examples of graduate destinations include: the Law Reform Commission of Ireland, the Koninklijke Marechaussee, Eurojust, the Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security, and EY.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Criminology or a bachelor's degree in law or another discipline related to criminology and criminal justice.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/crime-and-criminal-justice

European and International Business Law (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN

As the EU passes a growing number of economic regulations, these mandates increasingly interact with global trade regulations and with those of its Member States. Businesses that operate internationally are faced with various layers of jurisdiction that sometimes have an unclear hierarchy. In the European and International Business Law programme, you will learn how to decipher the complex hierarchy of European and international business law.

Career

Most of our graduates go on to careers in international departments of law firms, international businesses, international bureaus of government service or other international organisations. More specifically, our alumni have found jobs working with judges' cabinets at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, directorates of the European Commission, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, the World Trade Organization. They have also been selected for PhD and research positions at the most prestigious academic institutions, including the European University Institute in Florence.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full degree in Law (offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained) from a recognised University/Law School.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/eibl

European and International Human Rights Law (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN

Human rights are at risk in all societies. Though various national, regional and international human rights instruments have been developed to protect the human rights of all people, some of these are more effective than others in particular situations. In the European and International Human Rights Law programme, you will compare the functionality of different protection mechanisms that are currently in place.

Career

Our graduates have gone on to careers with judges' cabinets at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg, the International Court of Justice in the Hague, cabinets of Commissioners of the European Commission in Brussels, diverse sections of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Cross, national and international NGOs, the civil service in their home countries, law firms. Many of our graduates have also become human rights researchers and scholars.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full degree in Law (offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained) from a recognised University/Law School.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/eihrl

Forensic Criminology

DUTCH START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

This programme focuses on the use of specialist expertise in criminal justice, taking a practical approach. Courses include Forensic Identification Methods, Crime Analysis, Forensic Accountancy and Forensic Psychiatry. The programme includes a compulsory internship, linked to the MA thesis.

Career

Positions as advisers, researchers or policy officers at such organisations as the police, the Public Prosecution Service, legal institutions and services, penitentiary institutions, rehabilitation agencies, victim support organisations and universities.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in criminology or law or social sciences with criminology as specialisation.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/forensic-criminology

International Children's Rights (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN

The programme offers a multi-layered study (covering international, regional and national legal systems), as well as an interdisciplinary scope, to examine the most relevant issues impacting children worldwide. What are the rights of the child when it comes to forced marriages or protection against violence or exploitation? What rights do refugee children have in their host communities? How do we balance between the rights of children, parents and the state? And how can children's rights be legally enforced in various countries across the globe?

Career

Our graduates can go on to positions in governmental and inter-governmental bodies and public administration (both national and international); national, regional and international (non-governmental) organisations dealing with children's rights issues; the judiciary; national human rights institutions (e.g. ombudspersons); civil society organisations dealing with children's rights issue; monitoring and advisory national and international bodies or law firms or companies involved with children and/or family matters.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full degree in Law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained or an equivalent degree from a recognised University/Law School; or a degree at an equivalent level in another discipline with a sufficient background in or understanding of law.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/icrl

International Civil and Commercial Law (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN

Globalisation and increasing international trade have led to the rapid internationalisation of civil and commercial law, thus forming a complex and multi-layered discipline. Leiden University's International Civil and Commercial Law programme deals with different levels of international, EU and national laws as they coexist and interact with one another.

Career

Our graduates go on to work at organisations such as private law firms, multinational companies, international courts, governmental organisations and research institutes. Many of our graduates also contribute to legal scholarship in international civil and commercial law by pursuing postgraduate or PhD research.

Best preparatory bachelor's

In order to qualify for admission to the Master of Laws Advanced Studies in International Civil and Commercial Law programme, you should have a full degree in Law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained, or an equivalent degree from a recognised University/Law School, evidence of excellent academic performance, illustrated by way of an academic transcript and sufficient academic background in the area of international civil and commercial law.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/iccl

International Dispute Settlement and Arbitration (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR THE HAGUE

Leiden University's Master of Laws in Advanced Studies in International Dispute Settlement and Arbitration (LL.M.) is a high-level postgraduate programme on the theory and practice of international dispute settlement and arbitration in international law.

Career

This programme is designed to provide you with the analytical, research and presentation skills necessary to pursue a career in the field of international dispute settlement. As a graduate, you will be qualified for positions such as law firms, in-house counsel, international courts and tribunals, arbitration institutions, international organisations, state and governmental agencies, non-governmental organisations and academic and research institutes.



This programme is taught in The Hague

Best preparatory bachelor's

A law degree that gives access to the legal professions in the country where the degree was obtained. Graduates from fields other than law may also be admitted, provided their previous studies and/or professional career included a substantial legal component. Students should also demonstrate a sufficiently high performance in their previous studies, validated by marks on their University Degree/Transcript and the accompanying mark criteria, and letters of recommendation from current or previous professors and/or employers.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/idsa

Law

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

In the master's programme in Law the different main areas of law are explained in relation to each other. You also follow in-depth courses in the particular field of law you have chosen. You won't be sitting passively in class, though: in the practicum and the privatissimum you prepare actively for professional practice.

Specialisations

In English

- European Law
- Public International Law

In Dutch

- Civil Law (full-time in Leiden or part-time in The Hague)
- Company Law
- Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Criminal Law and Criminology
- Financial Law
- Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Law
- Labour Law

Career

In this master's programme you are prepared as best as possible for professional practice. Many of our lecturers come from professional practice. Much attention is paid in the master's programme to the training of academic skills which are also of great value in practice. You take part in debates, carry out legal research, write papers and hold presentations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A Bachelor's in Law (LL.B.) or a Postgraduate Diploma in Law from a recognised university; in exceptional cases a bachelor's degree in a related discipline (e.g. in Political Science or equivalent) will be acceptable, provided that a substantial number of law courses are included in the bachelor's programme.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/european-law

Law & Finance (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN

In today's interconnected world, national and international financial markets have far-reaching effects on organisations and individuals around the globe. That is why the financial sector is becoming increasingly regulated, leading to a growing need for specialists who work at the intersection of law and finance. In the Law & Finance programme, you will be specially trained to excel in this global and multidisciplinary field.

Career

The Law & Finance Advanced Studies programme is optimally designed to suit requirements for both national and international professional positions. When you graduate, you will be qualified to work in a wide range of organisations such as financial institutions, such as banks and investment firms, European and national financial supervisory authorities, other governmental and inter-governmental bodies and public administration, law firms, judiciary and arbitration courts, companies and academic and research institutes.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full degree in law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained, or an equivalent law degree from a recognised University/Law School or a degree at an equivalent level in another discipline such as economics or business administration, with a sufficient background in law evidenced by, for instance, certificates of courses in law successfully concluded or substantial professional legal experience. Evidence of excellent academic performance by way of an academic transcript.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/lf

Law and Digital Technologies (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN

Technology has become an important issue in almost every area of national and international law practice. Today, people are constantly confronted with concerns of privacy, personal data protection, cybercrime and cybersecurity. New uses for technology are often developing more rapidly than the law itself, creating interesting challenges for legal professionals and scholars. This programme will equip you with both theoretical knowledge and professional skills necessary to thrive in an interdisciplinary, global environment.

Career

The Law and Digital Technology programme prepares you for a variety of successful careers in an ever-advancing global field. Our alumni have gone on to careers at international law firms, tech companies, the judiciary, governmental institutions, NGOs, academic and research institutions.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full degree in Law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained, or an equivalent or relevant degree from a recognised University/Law School; evidence of excellent academic performance, illustrated by way of an academic transcript; sufficient academic background in the area of law and digital technologies.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/ldt

Notarial Law

DUTCH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

This programme is intended for students who wish to pursue a career as a notary. It focuses on the foundations of property law and the social role of the notary in applying and implementing civil and tax law.

Career

The majority of our graduates enter notarial practice. Other options include government posts, the business sector, the real estate sector and the bank and insurance sector.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in notarial law, preferably from Leiden University.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/notarial-law

Public International Law (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN THE HAGUE



In this advanced master's programme, you will gain a thorough understanding of the legislation that governs international relations in an increasingly complex global society. You will learn in-depth about a wide range of aspects that affect our world, in addition to getting the opportunity to specialise your area of study.

Specialisations

- Peace, Justice and Development
- International Criminal Law

Career

As a graduate, you will be qualified for a range of positions within organisations such as international courts, international organisations, national judicial institutions, non-governmental organisations, the foreign service, prestigious law firms, academic and research institutes.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full degree in Law (offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained), or equivalent degree from a recognised University/Law School, with evidence of excellent academic performance illustrated by marks on university transcript, and relevant experience related to public international law.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/public-international-law-advanced

Tax Law

DUTCH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

Tax systems are changing constantly. And we are all affected - personally, or from a business point of view, and often at crucial, defining moments in time. Do you want to get to grips with legal texts and tax issues? Do you enjoy working with people and can you explain abstract matters clearly? Are you interested in politics and society? Then this master's programme is for you.

Career

Many Leiden graduates of the master's programme in Fiscaal Recht (Tax Law) find suitable employment within six months. We can help with our online mentor network and personal careers guidance.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Tax Law from a Dutch University

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/tax-law

Law & Society

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER  1 YEAR  LEIDEN THE HAGUE



Law and legal institutions play an important role in the organisation of society. They can be used to address and regulate social problems, such as pollution and climate change, migration and terrorism, corruption, and gender equality. But laws and institutions, and the way in which they operate in action, can also preserve and deepen societal problems and lead to injustice. Our Master's programme Law & Society offers a unique opportunity to study the dynamic relationship between legal norms and social reality.

Career

Experts from the professional field have expressed a need for students trained in an interdisciplinary, socio-legal approach to law, with an in-depth understanding of the formation and functioning of law. Career prospects that students should think of when choosing this master are intergovernmental organisations, national and European Union civil services, academia, lobby and consultancy firms and large corporations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Law or Social Sciences or a bachelor's degree from a University College or another discipline related to law and justice.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/law-and-society



Faculty of Medicine/ LUMC

The Faculty of Medicine is part of the LUMC, the Leiden University Medical Center for research, education and patient care and has high quality profile with a strong scientific orientation. Located at the Leiden Bio Science Park, the LUMC acts as a knowledge centre on topics in the field of public health, and it acts as a regional centre for education and training of medical professionals. The Faculty of Medicine offers four master's programmes.

Faculty of Medicine/LUMC

1, 2 and 3	year master's programmes
1,391	master's students
3%	international master's students
20	nationalities
€2,168	EU/EEA student tuition fee*
	Non-EU/EEA student tuition fees per programme:
	€19,100 Vitality and Ageing
	€19,100 Biomedical Sciences
	€27,300 Medicine
	€27,300 Pharmacy

* This tuition fee is per year and only applies if this is your first master's programme in The Netherlands

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Master's programmes

Biomedical Sciences

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  2 YEARS  LEIDEN

In this two-year programme you are trained in interdisciplinary approaches to address scientific and societal challenges in the field of (bio)medical sciences. The research in this programme is related to the maintenance of health and prevention of disease. The first year provides you with a solid background in Biomedical Sciences via compulsory and elective courses and a research internship. The second year is dedicated to one of the following specialisations

Specialisations

- Communication
- Education
- Management
- Research

Career

You will acquire a skill set suitable for a wide range of career opportunities not only in (biomedical) research, but also in industry, policy making and communication/education.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Biomedical Sciences or equivalent. Visit our website for our specific entry requirements and admission procedures.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.5 or higher
TOEFL internet-based: 90 (each test component must score a minimum of 6.0)

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/bms

Medicine

DUTCH  SEPTEMBER  3 YEARS  LEIDEN

During this three-year master's programme, students learn how to cure patients, prevent diseases and develop a critical scientific view. A large part of this programme consists of internships. In Leiden, students are able to choose in which discipline they want to perform the semi-practitioner's internship, science internship or elective internship. This enables them to pre-determine the focus of their third master's year.

Career

Most medical doctors from Leiden University pursue a career in a medical specialty. In this case you will work and learn at the same time. Specialisation (residency



programme position) can take two to eight years, depending on the specialty. Another option is to pursue a PhD. This means you will be conducting research at a university or university hospital for a maximum of four years, while being trained as an independent researcher. After obtaining a PhD degree, most graduates apply for a residency programme position. In addition, you can work, for instance, as a researcher, as a doctor not in training in a hospital or in the pharmaceutical industry.

Best preparatory bachelor's

This programme is intended for students with a Leiden bachelor's diploma in Medicine.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/gnk

Pharmacy

 DUTCH  SEPTEMBER  3 YEARS  LEIDEN

The programme in Leiden focusses on the future of pharmaceutical care. In three years you will become a pharmacist with focus on the multidisciplinary approach of the latest developments in pharmaceutical products and patient care. The programme prepares you to work as a full member of the team of health care practitioners.

Career

Most graduates provide pharmaceutical care in community or hospital pharmacies and continue to specialise in these directions. Other graduates conduct research or pursue a career in the pharmaceutical industry or as a policy maker. In general, job perspectives for pharmacists are good.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in pharmacy from a Dutch university, a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Leuven or a bachelor's degree in biopharmaceutical sciences with the pharmacy specialisation from Leiden University.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/farm

Technical Medicine

 DUTCH ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER  3 YEARS  LEIDEN DELFT ROTTERDAM

The programme of Technical Medicine is a unique interdisciplinary joint-degree master's programme, offered by the Delft University of Technology, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Leiden University and their Academic Medical Centers. It's a multidisciplinary programme which links science and technology with clinical practice and its professional medical procedures. The master's programme offers two tracks. Please visit our website for the specific descriptions of our master's tracks.

Specialisations

- Imaging & Intervention
- Sensing & Stimulation

Career

The prospects for clinical technicians in the job market are promising. Technology is becoming increasingly important in health care and is resulting in a growing need for technically qualified medical professionals. Clinical Technicians create and apply new solutions for technical-medical problems in direct patient care by devising new, better and safe diagnostics and therapeutic procedures.

Best preparatory bachelor's

BSc degree in Clinical Technology from a Dutch university.

Language proficiency

Language requirement Dutch (and English): the theoretical MSc programme will be taught in Dutch and English; the skills training and the communication in the clinic will be in Dutch. Students with a foreign bachelor's degree certificate may only be admitted if they meet the specific requirements in Dutch (NT2).

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/tm

Vitality and Ageing

 ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER  1 YEAR  LEIDEN THE HAGUE

The growing ageing population is one of the worlds' most significant societal transformations of the twenty-first century. The innovative Master in Vitality and Ageing is a one-year international programme delivered using modern education styles. Students will gain knowledge about biology of ageing, older individuals and health management of an ageing population. Moreover, students will also develop academic skills, such as communication and research skills. Students will collaborate with older adults, visit (inter)national potential employers, attend network events, and give presentations for actors in the field. By the end of the master's, students will combine the gained knowledge, and skills in a scientific thesis and internship.

Career

After the master's Vitality and Ageing, students are prepared to start in various functions and organisations. Our alumni have started their careers in numerous academic positions: PhD tracks at various universities, project leaders, staff advisers in research and health organisations, policy developers, or they continue their education with a second master's (predominantly students with a bachelor degree in Medicine).

Best preparatory bachelor's

A health-related bachelor's degree. Additionally, we invite students with other bachelor's backgrounds, and especially international bachelor's backgrounds to visit our website and view our specific entry requirements.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.5 or higher
TOEFL internet-based: 90 with at least a score of 22;
Cambridge C2 proficiency (CPE) or C1 advanced (CAE) 180, Cambridge component score 176.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/va

Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science is a world-class faculty where staff and students work together in a dynamic international environment. The research carried out at the Faculty of Science is very diverse, ranging from mathematics, information science, astronomy, physics, chemistry, life sciences and bio-pharmaceutical sciences to biology and environmental sciences. The research activities are organised in eight institutes. These institutes offer twelve English taught master's programmes.

Faculty of Science

2	year master's programmes
1,897	master's students
28%	international master students
63	nationalities
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Master's programmes

Astronomy

 ENGLISH  FEBRUARY SEPTEMBER  2 YEARS  LEIDEN

The Astronomy programme covers observations and data from the world's foremost ground- and space-based telescopes as well as theoretical, computational and astrochemical modelling, large scale simulations, and laboratory experiments that mimic conditions in space. The programme offers a lot of flexibility, and can be tailor-made to your specific interests.

Specialisations

- Astronomy Research
- Astronomy and Business Studies
- Astronomy and Cosmology
- Astronomy and Data Science
- Astronomy and Education (partly in Dutch)
- Astronomy and Instrumentation
- Astronomy and Science Communication and Society

Career

Graduates find employment in research, industry and the public sector, including technological, financial and consultancy companies, research institutes, governments and science communication organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in astronomy or physics with modules in astronomy. Candidates holding a bachelor's degree in related sciences such as mathematics, computer science or aerospace engineering may be considered.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.5 / TOEFL internet-based: 90

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/astronomy

Biology

 DUTCH ENGLISH  FEBRUARY SEPTEMBER  2 YEARS  LEIDEN

Our programme provides you with a detailed understanding of different aspects of life, from how it functions on a molecular and genetic level, to how it evolves and responds to environmental challenges. This knowledge can be of great value to the society.

Specialisations

- Biodiversity and Sustainability
- Biology and Business Studies
- Biology and Education (partly in Dutch)
- Biology and Science Communication and Society
- Evolutionary Biology
- From Cells to Organisms
- Molecular Genetics and Biotechnology



Career

Career options include positions as researcher, policy maker or adviser, as well as professions in industry, education or other sectors.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in biology. The Board of Admissions will review applications from candidates holding a bachelor's degree in related sciences such as natural sciences, life sciences or biomedical sciences.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.5 (minimum 6.0 on each subtest)

TOEFL internet-based: 90 (minimum score of 20 on each subtest)

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/biology

Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences

ENGLISH FEBRUARY START SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS LEIDEN

In this master's programme, you are trained at the leading edge of drug design and fundamental research into novel drugs, optimisation of existing drugs, and personalised medicine.

Specialisations

- BioTherapeutics
- Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences and Business Studies
- Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences and Education (partly in Dutch)
- Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences and Science Communication and Society
- Drug Discovery and Safety
- Industrial Pharmacy (in Dutch)
- System Biomedicine and Pharmacology

Career

Graduates' careers generally are closely related to the field of drug discovery and design or the development and production of drugs. Options outside research include the pharmaceutical industry, biotechnology companies, or government institutions.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in bio-pharmaceutical sciences or pharmaceutical sciences.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.5 (minimum 6.0 on each subtest)

TOEFL internet-based: 90

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/bps

Chemistry

ENGLISH FEBRUARY START SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS LEIDEN

The MSc programme in Chemistry offers you access to cutting-edge chemical research. The research is concentrated in two research areas: Chemical Biology and Energy & Sustainability.

Specialisations

- Research in Chemistry
- Chemistry and Business Studies
- Chemistry and Education (partly in Dutch)
- Chemistry and Science Communication and Society

Career

Positions in academia, or in R&D departments in industry, business, public utility companies, teaching, consultancy and government bodies. Many graduates attain higher management positions.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A BSc in Molecular Science and Technology (MST) from Leiden University and TU Delft or a degree in chemistry from another university or in a related field.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.5 (minimum 6.0 on each subtest)

TOEFL internet-based: 90

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/chemistry

Computer Science

ENGLISH FEBRUARY START SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS LEIDEN

This master's programme offers you the opportunity to be trained in the state of the art in artificial intelligence, bioinformatics, computing and systems, and data science research, both fundamental and applied.

Specialisations

- Advanced Computing and Systems
- Artificial Intelligence
- Bioinformatics
- Computer Science and Education (partly in Dutch)
- Computer Science and Science Communication and Society
- Data Science: Computer Science
- Foundations of Computing

Career

Bright and expanding employment outlook, with research positions in academia or industry, oriented towards technical, interdisciplinary, or innovative careers in, e.g., artificial intelligence, bioinformatics, data science, software development, and information systems management.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A BSc in Computer Science or a BSc degree with a major in Computer Science or a BSc degree equivalent to a BSc in Computer Science.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.5 / TOEFL internet-based: 90

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/computerscience

Governance of Sustainability

ENGLISH FEBRUARY START SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS THE HAGUE



In this programme students will obtain in-depth knowledge of both the governance perspective (social science) and the natural sciences. Students will learn how to integrate these perspectives in order to develop and improve the quality of governance solutions to major sustainability challenges. Students become change agents on sustainability, through the synthesis of different scientific fields and non-scientific knowledge and insights. The programme is unique in its equal combination of natural science and social science and its focus on transdisciplinary skills.

Career

The programme prepares students for governance and strategic positions at (semi-) government institutions or private sector on sustainability issues and to take leading broker-roles connecting different actors.

Best preparatory bachelor's

Applicants holding a bachelor's degree from an accredited university programme and comparable with three years of Dutch academic education can be admitted to the programme. The bachelor's must include quantitative methods or quantitative modelling, including statistical methods, equivalent to a minimum of 8 EC.

English proficiency

IELTS: 6.5 (minimum 6.0 on each subtest)

TOEFL: internet-based 90 (minimum 20 component score)

Cambridge C2 Proficiency, or C1 Advanced: 180, minimum component score 169

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/gofs

ICT in Business and the Public Sector

ENGLISH FEBRUARY START SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS LEIDEN AND THE HAGUE

In this master's programme you will expand your knowledge of ICT and develop business and organisational skills that are essential to become a modern IT professional.

Specialisations

- ICT in Business
- ICT in the Public Sector

Career

Job opportunities are excellent and diverse, ranging from consultancy to IT management and from entrepreneurship to PhD research. Graduates are particularly suitable for a career path leading to Chief Information Officer in large organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in computer science or a closely-related subject.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.5 / TOEFL internet-based: 90

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/ictinbps

Industrial Ecology

ENGLISH FEBRUARY START SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS LEIDEN DELFT

The master's programme in Industrial Ecology (joint degree with Delft University of Technology) educates students to become critical researchers or practitioners who are able to contribute to developing solutions for persistent sustainability problems. The programme is unique in its combination of natural science, engineering and social science.

Specialisations:

- Circular Economy (CIRCLE)
- Industrial Ecology

Career

Industrial Ecology graduates find employment opportunities throughout business, industry, and government, as well as in non-governmental organisations, universities and research institutes.

Best preparatory bachelor's

Applicants holding a bachelor's degree in any of the Natural Sciences, Engineering Sciences, or Social Sciences from an accredited university programme and comparable with three years of Dutch academic education can be admitted to the programme.

English proficiency**

IELTS: minimum 6.5 overall score, with a minimum of 6.0 for each of the components Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

TOEFL: internet-based 90 (minimum 20 component score). Cambridge C2 Proficiency (CPE) or C1 Advanced (CAE): a score of at least 180 (minimum 169 component score).

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/industrialecology

Life Science and Technology

ENGLISH FEBRUARY START SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS LEIDEN

In this master's programme you will learn to find solutions for complex societal problems as encountered in personalised medicine, chemical biology and sustainable use of biological sources. Courses are offered in Biomedical, Biophysical and Molecular Sciences, and are related to the research topics that are studied within the LIC.

Specialisations

- Life Science and Business Studies
- Life Science and Education (partly in Dutch)
- Life Science and Science Communication and Society
- Life Science Research and Development

Career

Positions in academia, or in R&D departments in industry, business, public utility companies, teaching, consultancy and government bodies. Many graduates attain higher management positions.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A BSc in Life Science and Technology (LST) from Leiden University and Delft University of Technology or a degree in life sciences from another university or in a related field.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.5 (minimum 6.0 on each subtest)
TOEFL internet-based: 90

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/lst

Mathematics

ENGLISH FEBRUARY START SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS LEIDEN

This master's programme offers a wide variety of courses ranging over analysis, probability theory, operations research, dynamical systems, algebra, number theory and geometry.

Specialisations

- Algebra, Geometry and Number Theory
- Applied Mathematics
- Mathematics and Business Studies
- Mathematics and Education (partly in Dutch)
- Mathematics and Science Communication and Society

Career

Career options include academia as well as business, including senior (management) positions at banks, insurance and option trading companies, communication and information technology, industry and logistics.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in mathematics or a BSc degree with a major in mathematics.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.5 (minimum 6.0 on each component)
TOEFL internet-based: 90

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/mathematics

Media Technology

ENGLISH FEBRUARY START SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS LEIDEN

The Media Technology master's programme connects science, creativity, and personal curiosity. You are encouraged to formulate your own scientific questions and to stimulate innovation in scientific research through the creative and playful application of technology.

Career

Because Media Technology MSc alumni combine creative and scientific thinking, a broad array of career prospects applies to them. From PhD researcher to lecturer at a university of applied sciences and from creative entrepreneur to coder or artist.

Best preparatory bachelor's

The programme is a logical continuation for students with a background in e.g. Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence, Communication and/or Information Science, Cognitive Science, Biology, Linguistics, or Performing and Creative Arts.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.5 (minimum 6.0 on each subtest)
TOEFL internet-based: 90

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/mediatechnology

Physics

ENGLISH FEBRUARY START SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS LEIDEN

The Physics master's programme offers you a research-intensive and tailor-made study path on current topics in experimental and theoretical physics at an institute of international renown.

Specialisations

- Physics and Business Studies
- Physics and Education (partly in Dutch)
- Physics and Science Communication and Society
- Research in Physics, Biological and Soft Matter Physics
- Research in Physics, Classical/Quantum Information
- Research in Physics, Cosmology
- Research in Physics, Theoretical
- Research in Physics, pre-PhD ('Casimir')
- Research in Physics, Quantum Matter and Optics

Career

The master's degree is an excellent stepping stone for pursuing a PhD degree. Job possibilities outside research include high-tech industry, software and consultancy companies worldwide, or a career as a teacher, science communicator or science policy maker.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in physics.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.5 / TOEFL internet-based: 90

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/physics

Statistical Science for the Life and Behavioural Sciences

ENGLISH FEBRUARY START SEPTEMBER 2 YEARS LEIDEN

This master's programme provides you with a thorough introduction to the general philosophy and methodology of statistical modelling, data analysis and data science.

Specialisations

- Data Science: Statistical Science
- Statistical Science

Career

Job perspectives after graduation are great: statisticians and data scientists are highly sought after in various industries such as academia, marketing, banking, government, official statistics, healthcare, bioinformatics and more.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree from a research university with at least 20 ECTS of statistics/advanced methodology and/or (higher) mathematics courses.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 6.5 (minimum 6.0 on each subtest)
TOEFL internet-based: 90

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/statisticalscience



Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences

The Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences offers six master's programmes in behaviour and society. The Faculty supports you to ensure that you successfully complete your studies. You can, for example, make use of the Master Thesis Lab, where specialised staff can be of assistance while you are writing your thesis. Here, you will find relevant books and read-only copies of theses. In addition, the Thesis Lab organises walk-in sessions on statistics and academic writing.

Two of the Faculty's programmes are research masters. These selective programmes are more demanding than the one-year master's programmes and have a stronger focus on research. If you are considering taking a PhD, this would be a wise choice for you.

Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences

1 and 2	year master's programmes
1,843	master's students
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50	nationalities
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Master's programmes

Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

This programme foregrounds ethnography as a method, to create insights into everyday cultural practices relevant to global processes of change. You can either propose your own individual research project (Global Ethnography), conduct more applied research with an organisation or interest group (Sociology of Policy in Practice), or engage in a research project which foregrounds audiovisual methods (Visual Ethnography). Research projects can be conducted worldwide, both in face-to-face settings, as well as using online and digital tools.

Specialisations

- Global Ethnography
- Sociology of Policy in Practice
- Visual Ethnography (starts only in September)

Career

Our graduates typically embark on careers in media (press, online), non-governmental organisations, local, provincial and national administration, teaching, the creative and digital field, as well as in academia.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A Bachelor in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology or a bachelors degree with a major in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, or equivalent from an internationally-recognised university.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/anthropology

Developmental Psychopathology in Education and Child Studies (Research)

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 2 YEARS LEIDEN

This programme aims to teach students how they can independently derive a research question in the field of Education and Child Studies. Students learn how they can contribute to the development of new fundamental theoretical insights or well-grounded practical theories by conducting scientific research. The research master's programme trains students to become scientist-practitioners who can bridge the gap between research and practice.

Career

Graduates are prepared for functions in the public or private sector in which advanced research skills and substantial

practical research experience are among the qualifications required (research agencies or research departments in businesses or governmental organisations). At the same time the master's programme trains students for functions or educational courses in which scientific research is performed for an academic dissertation and doctoral degree in the sciences.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in one of the behavioural sciences or a degree in an equivalent programme. Specialisation-specific knowledge and training in research methods and methods and statistics (minimum of 20 EC) are required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.5 / TOEFL internet-based: 113

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/education-child-studies-research

Education and Child Studies

DUTCH ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

This programme focuses on the link between theory, research and practice. Students are taught to seek evidence-based solutions to problems occurring in child-rearing and education.

Specialisations

Five of the nine specialisations are taught in English.

- Applied Neuroscience in Human Development
- Parenting and Child Development
- Digital Media in Human Development
- Educational Science
- Forensische Gezinspedagogiek (in Dutch)
- Kinderen met Leer- en Gedragsproblemen in het Onderwijs (in Dutch)
- Leerproblemen (in Dutch)
- Learning Problems and Impairments: international track
- Orthopedagogiek (in Dutch)

Career

Graduates can apply for a variety of jobs in the field of prevention and intervention in child-rearing and education, both in clinical and non-clinical contexts.

Best preparatory bachelor's

Prospective students need to possess the skills, understanding and knowledge that are required for earning a Bachelor's in Education and Child Studies at Leiden University.

English proficiency**

(Only for the English taught specialisations)

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

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Political Science

ENGLISH DUTCH START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN THE HAGUE

Study power and politics as they impact everyday lives in a top-ranked, selective programme. By doing an MSc in Political Science in Leiden or The Hague, you will benefit from an advanced grounding in the fundamentals of political analysis and advanced training in essential academic skills and research methods. There are six specialisations and two cities you can choose from:

Leiden

- Dutch Politics (partly in Dutch)
- International Politics
- Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict and Development
- Parties, Parliaments and Democracy
- Political Legitimacy and Justice

The Hague

- International Organisation

Career

Graduates have gone on to positions such as a policy maker in Dutch and foreign government institutions; political reporter for various media, personal assistant or policy adviser at the European Parliament and national parliaments, lobbyist for interest groups; researcher at think tanks and universities, business consultant and risk analyst.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in political science or a related discipline. Specific knowledge related to this field is also required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

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Psychology

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

This programme focuses on psychological processes and the consequent effects on behaviour. The master's programme has ten specialisations you can choose from:

Specialisations

- Applied Cognitive Psychology
- Child and Adolescent Psychology
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Economic and Consumer Psychology
- Health and Medical Psychology
- Methodology and Statistics in Psychology
- Occupational Health Psychology
- School Psychology
- Social and Organisational Psychology



Career

Job opportunities include being a psychologist in a medical centre, nursing home, psychiatric hospital or forensic clinic, school counsellor, lecturer/ researcher at a university, medical centre or research institute, human resources expert, marketing adviser, policy maker or adviser for government and municipal services.

Best preparatory bachelor's

BA or BSc in Psychology with advanced courses (at least 30 EC) at a third-year bachelor's level on topics pertaining to the preferred master's specialisation within the MSc in Psychology. A level of knowledge of statistics equivalent to the courses within the BSc in Psychology at Leiden University (at least 20 EC in statistics courses).

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 and band scores of at least 6.5
TOEFL internet-based: 100 with the following minimum band scores: 22 (reading), 22 (listening), 22 (speaking) and 25 (writing)

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Psychology (Research)

ENGLISH SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 2 YEARS LEIDEN

This programme offers thorough training in the methodological and practical skills required to carry out scientific research on human behaviour, with a focus on practical experience. There is the possibility of following courses on Brain and Cognition offered by other Leiden University programmes. You can choose from four specialisations:

Specialisations

- Clinical and Health Psychology (research)
- Cognitive Neuroscience (research)
- Developmental Psychology (research)
- Social and Economic Psychology (research)

Career

The programme prepares students to continue with an academic career and obtain a PhD in Psychology. Alumni also obtain positions where basic or applied psychological research is used to support the development of corporate or public policy. These include research agencies, as well as private firms, municipal, and governmental institutions.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A BA or BSc in Psychology with a third-year (400-level) course on the topic chosen, high average grade for coursework (>7.5), superior grade for the bachelor's thesis (7.5 or above).

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.5 and band scores of at least 7.0
TOEFL internet-based: 113 with the following minimum band scores: 25 (reading), 25 (listening), 23 (speaking) and 27 (writing)

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Leiden University Graduate School of Teaching (ICLON)

Teacher training prepares students for a career as a teacher in Dutch secondary education (lower and higher grades). After completing the teacher training programme, you will be awarded a (second) master's degree and a Dutch qualification in the school subject of your teacher-training programme. In order to gain admission to the teacher training programme you must hold a bachelor's degree in the subject you would like to teach and a master's degree. Although the teacher training is a second master's programme, the tuition fees are equal to those of a first master's programme. The programmes are offered by Leiden University Graduate School of Teaching (ICLON). These master's programmes train students to become teachers in the Dutch educational system; all the training programmes are therefore taught in Dutch.

Educatieve masters

In this two-year master programme, you will continue to study Dutch/English/French/German/Religion and you will follow teacher-training courses including school practice at a secondary school. After completing the master programme, you will be awarded a master's degree and a Dutch teaching qualification for secondary education (lower and higher grades).

This master programme trains students to become a teacher in the Dutch educational system; the training programme is therefore taught in Dutch.

Language and Culture Education

Specialisations:

- Dutch
- English
- French
- German

Social Sciences and Humanities Education

Specialisations:

- Religious Studies

Science Teaching in Secondary Education

Specialisations

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Physics

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Teaching Social Sciences and Humanities in Secondary Education

Specialisations

- Art History and Cultural and Art Education
- Business Economics
- Economics
- History and Civics
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Social Studies

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Language Teaching in Secondary Education

Specialisations

- Chinese Language and Culture
- Classics
- Dutch
- English
- French
- German
- Spanish

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Leiden University Graduate School of Teaching (ICLON)

1	year master's programmes
228	master's students
9%	international master's students
9	nationalities
€2,168	EU/EEA student tuition fee
€2,168	Non-EU/EEA student tuition fee

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